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SHOCKS IN STORE FOR PSL

Some big shocks are in store for all soccer followers when the plans for next season's PSL competition are released.

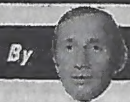
At least this is what I was informed on Sunday by a leading member of the PSL management committee.

Last week the management committee met in Sydney to discuss and make recommendations on a document of 300 and odd pages, or 300 odd pages — which ever you care to believe — presented by the ASF Marketing Company.

The management committee made decisions and recommendations which will be disclosed to the clubs and the Press at a later date.

What these recommendations are I just don't know, and in fact I dread hazarding a guess.

However as usual as in many cases in this weird and wondrous Australian soccer setup, I'm perplexed.



By **TOM ANDERSON**

Can somebody please tell me who really makes the decisions in Australian soccer at the moment?

Just who are the policy makers in this set-up.

Like many other people I thought that the ASF executive was elected to do just this, but seemingly I'm wrong.

For it now looks very much like the policy-making is in the hands of the ASF Marketing Company.

If so — just what experience or qualifications have these marketing people to administer soccer?

They are marketing experts

and no doubt leaders in their field.

But having met all of them I must be honest and state, with no apologies, that their knowledge of the game leaves much to be desired and to make important decisions on the future of a game that is not fully understood, is nothing less than amazing.

For if these policies fall then these guys can go back to marketing soap powder or some other commodity.

But who is going to be left to pick up the pieces?

In my opinion soccer once again has its priorities wrong.

Somebody should make it plain the marketing people are there to market the game and to promote it — not to make important policy decisions.

Mind you, they are not the only ones to blame — what about our weak-kneed administrators who are sitting aside and letting this happen?

As usual, many of these gentlemen are ducking for cover and "not getting involved".

The general cry at the

moment is "Do not rock the boat in case of upsetting the World Youth Championships."

And while this is happening, others are making hay while the sun shines.

You know I firmly believe the ASF should adopt a new motto — and maybe Rik Booth and his marketing company can draw a little badge to go with it.

My motto for Australian soccer would be — "Always put off today what which you hope will be forgotten tomorrow."

See you next week.

Match change boosts Hellas

South Melbourne Hellas president Sam Pappasavos this week boosted his club's championship hopes by having Hellas's postponed game against Brisbane City rescheduled.

Hellas would have had to play against Brisbane City in Brisbane next Wednesday without Alan Davidson, Steve Blair and Steve Woodin who will be on World Cup duty.

Without those players Hellas easily could have lost not only the match but also the championship.

As we went to Press, Mr. Pappasavos was confident that the match against Brisbane City would be played later in the year.

"If this were a regular league match, we could not have asked for the date to be altered," he said.

By **CRAIG MACKENZIE**

But that's easier said than done. While a title is at stake for Hellas, Makedonia visits Middle Park on Sunday intent on leaving with at least a point as it strives to keep ahead of Blacktown in the fight against relegation.

Hellas has to win and I think it will, despite Makedonia's 6-0 win over Wollongong last Sunday.

While George McMillan has played well since dropping back into a stopper's role, Makedonia's defence does not look capable of holding out Hellas at Middle Park.

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Remaining matches affecting promotion and relegation:

SYDNEY CITY v. Newcastle, APIA, Wollongong, Sth Melb, Hellas, Makedonia, Adelaide City.

STH MELB. HELLAS: Makedonia, Adelaide City, Brisbane City, Sydney City, Canberra, Marconi. Postponed match — v. Brisbane City.

BLACKTOWN: v. Canberra, Marconi, Sydney Olympic, Heidelberg, Footscray JUST, Brisbane Lions.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v. Footscray JUST, Brisbane Lions, Blacktown, Newcastle, APIA, Wollongong.

WEST ADELAIDE: v. Heidelberg, Makedonia, Footscray JUST, Adelaide City, Brisbane Lions, Brisbane City. **MAKEDONIA:** v. Sth Melb, Hellas, West Adelaide, Adelaide City, Brisbane City, Sydney City, Canberra.

HEIDELBERG v. West Adelaide, Footscray JUST, Brisbane Lions, Blacktown, Newcastle, APIA, plus two postponed games — v. Marconi and Brisbane Lions.

This week

IN MELBOURNE
SOUTH MELBOURNE
HELLAS v Preston Makedonia at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1981 - 1-1.
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. Sydney Olympic at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm. 1977 - J.U.S.T. 1-0, 0-0. 1978 - SO 3-2, 1-1. 1979 - SO 2-0, 1-0. 1981 - 0-0. Advantage Sydney Olympic 3 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 7-4.

IN SYDNEY
Blacktown v. Canberra (draw) at Gabble Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1980 - Blacktown 1-0, 1-0. 1981 - 2-2.

APIA LEICHHARDT v. Brisbane City at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1979 - BC 2-0, 2-1. 1980 - APIA 2-1, BC 1-0. 1981 - 0-0.

IN BRISBANE
BRISBANE LIONS v. Marconi at Richlands Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - Lions 1-0, 1-1. 1978 - Marconi 3-0, 3-1. 1979 - Marconi 4-0, Lions 1-0. 1980 - Marconi 2-1, 0-0. 1981 - Marconi 2-1. Advantage Marconi 5 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 15-6.

IN WOLLONGONG
Wollongong v. Adelaide City (draw) at Wollongong Showground, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1981 - Wollongong 2-1.

IN NEWCASTLE
Newcastle KB v. Sydney City (draw) at International Sports Centre, Sunday, 2:30 pm. Previous results: 1978 - SC 4-1, 1-0. 1979 - SC 2-0, 1-0. 1980 - SC 3-0, 2-0. 1981 - SC 4-1. Advantage Sydney City 7 wins. Goals: 12-2.

IN ADELAIDE
West Adelaide v. HEIDELBERG at Hindmarsh, Sunday, 2:30 pm. Previous results: 1977 - 1-1, 0-0. 1978 - WA 3-2, 1-1. 1979 - Heid. 3-1, WA 1-0. 1980 - Heid. 4-2, WA 1-0. 1981 Heid. 2-0. No advantage. Goal advantage Heidelberg 11-10.

HOUSEMAN FARCE FINISHED

The Rene Houseman farce is over.

After announcing four weeks ago it had signed Houseman, Sydney City Hakoh now has broken off negotiations with him.

The Argentinian international was due to arrive in Sydney at least three times since negotiations started, but he never turned up.

His younger brother Marcelo arrived a few weeks ago and has been playing in Sydney City's youth team.



Jubilant Hellas captain Alun Evans — top scorer in the PSL.

Fiji's two games in three days

Fiji claims it has been put at a disadvantage by FIFA and the New Zealand Federation over dates for its World Cup games.

Fiji meets Australia at Olympic Park on Friday week. It asked that its match against New Zealand be played on August 22 to allow sufficient recovery time between matches.

However, New Zealand had scheduled the game for August 16, and stuck by that date.

Fiji apparently complained to FIFA but got no satisfaction.

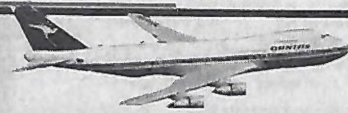
New Zealand will win the Oceania World Cup group if it beats Fiji.

And just as Australia is likely to beat Fiji in Melbourne, so New Zealand should beat the islanders.

The Australian squad is: Maher, Crook, Ahearn, Wheatley, Blair, Niven, Sharpe, Byrne, Barnes, Mitchell, Cole, Henderson, Katholos, Hunter, Krncevic, Brennan, Raskopoulos, Russell, Kosmina, Jankovic, Ziras.

Alan Davidson is injured.

The squad is expected to be reduced to 16 tomorrow (Thursday).



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**RALE
RASIC**

Branislav Krstic of Blacktown is destined to become a major player in the Philips League — and his background in top-class German soccer has a lot to do with it.

Krstic, who played for Nuernberg in the Bundesliga and Villingen in the Second Division, has lots of stories to illustrate the highly professional nature of German soccer.

He tells, for example, about the Bundesliga coach being interviewed by Pressmen, while his players are doing handstands behind him, as part of their training warm-up.

The coach talks with the Press at length, but the players just kept on doing those handstands, because they hadn't been told to stop.

Krstic says players who try to take it easy during a game, lose the respect of their team mates.

Even worse, a player who dares to slow down to a walk for more than two or three metres is usually taken off and replaced straight away.

There is also a vast difference in positional play. German soccer line-ups are totally flexible, with most players sharing each other's duties.

Here in Australia the positions are more rigid and there is a general lack of surprise, or unpredictability.

Krstic, 30, is here with his wife and two children and he signed a contract last week that binds him to Blacktown until the end of 1992.

He is as strong as a horse, exceptionally skilful and a typical playmaker.

Krstic and his fellow Yugoslav Jovan Djordjevic, plus striker Paul Burrows provide Blacktown with the element of experience which most of the other players lack.

With more and more Australian players planning to try their luck overseas, it's time our own clubs recognised the value of such players and thought up schemes to give them the financial motivation to stay here.



Sneak preview of soccer film

For Soccer fans the soon-to-be-released film "Escape to Victory" is a must.

Sylvester Stallone, Michael Caine and Max Von Sydow sign up for the greatest soccer team ever assembled in "Escape to Victory" a new World War II adventure film.

They are joined by football great Pele (pictured in the defensive wall above).

The film is set against a backdrop of soccer as you have never seen it played before by many of the world's top athletes.

They portray a group of rag-tag allied prisoners of war forced to play in a life and death match against the German National team.

They are determined to win and carry out a daring escape plan.

What's best of all is that there will be a sneak preview of the film at the Waverley Cinema, Pinewood, Blackburn Road, Mt Waverley, on August 11 followed by a chicken and champagne supper.

The Syndal Electorate Committee of the Liberal Party have been fortunate to secure this sneak preview for Waverley and people interested in attending should contact Mrs. Ann Neville on (03) 232 7492, Geoff Coleman said this week.

"Escape to Victory, is a Lorimar/Freddie Fields production and it is directed by the highly esteemed John Huston. The film was filmed entirely in Hungary, utilising a huge three-acre prison set up in the ground of the Allag Riding Stables, 18 km from Budapest.

The replica prison took three months to build. Another major setting was the

M.T.K. Stadium, home of one of Hungary's best known football clubs, which in "Escape to Victory" represents Paris's Colombes Stadium.

In a massive production 250,000 extras were used during the 53 days of shooting and as many as 28,000 extras in a single day. For the soccer fans, such stars as Pele (Brazil) Werner Roth (U.S.) Robbie Moore (England) Osvaldo Ardiles (Argentina) John Wark (Scotland) Kevin O'Callaghan (Ireland) are there for you to see in action.

For the film buffs there's Stallone, Caine and Von Sydow. No wonder this film got a standing ovation at Cannes Film Festival.

"We are proud to bring this film to Waverley for a sneak preview," said Geoff Coleman, "as I understand it is a best seller overseas."

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'Cross breakthrough

Victorian State League club George Cross agreed in principle with the Keilor Council last week to lease 30 acres of land and start work on a massive sporting complex.

The club will negotiate a leasing arrangement for the Kororoit Creek Reserve in Taylor's Rd., St Albans.

Cross commissioned a feasibility study about developing Duke Street Reserve in Sunshine. The club negotiated with Sunshine commissioner Alex Gillon but it's likely that the deal will fall through and the Kororoit Creek project will get preference. "This is a feast involved," said club president Alf Zahra.

"When we are finished we will have built a monument to all those who worked so hard to establish the club's own sports complex and we will have provided an important service to the local community."

Cross plans to build three playing fields on the land at Taylor's Road, as well as an extensive two-storey clubroom to house a social club, gymnasium, changing areas and toilet facilities.

An athletic track will ring the main pitch which will be available for local schools and athletic bodies.

The west ward of Keilor Council encom-

passes Kororoit Creek Reserve and the councillors for that ward, Keilor mayor Charles Appap and Alex Andrianopoulos, are enthusiastic about George Cross finding a home after 34 years in Victorian soccer.

"70% of St Albans' population has an ethnic origin and supports soccer," said Appap. "I believe that the Kororoit Creek Reserve is well situated, being close to a residential area and the project will be of great value to the local community."

Mr Andrianopoulos was adamant that the council had taken the right step in agreeing in principle to the deal.

"The western suburbs area is a soccer stronghold. No doubt about that," he said.

"George Cross has been invited to make use of Kororoit Creek Reserve for the benefit of the western part of our municipality. There's a boom in junior soccer here and the kids in the area will benefit from the George Cross move."

"We're happy to provide the club with a fine home after its lengthy involvement with Victorian soccer."

WHAT IS SKILL?



Mike Johnson

Not since the first year of the Philips League when I took West Adelaide to Melbourne to play Footscray J.U.S.T. had I seen the Yugoslav-backed side in action.

It was for this reason that I went to the Sydney Athletic Field to watch Footscray against Sydney City, instead of making the other trip to Marconi Oval to see Marconi play Sydney Olympic.

One has read so much of the skill of Footscray and how it is lack of application which keeps causing their downfall.

In recent weeks application, apparently, has improved.

On the evidence of this match general skill has diminished in proportion to the increase in application.

Only three players showed attacking skill for Footscray: the two midfielders, Slobodan Jovanovic and Zoran Illoski, plus striker Zdravko Lujic.

The rest were pedestrians and in the cases of Johan Verwij, Jim Kondarios, Vlatko Belic, and Steve Kakantolis they were quite ponderous.

These latter players are very tall.

I have been an admirer of Jim Kondarios especially for his devastating heading, but he had all sorts of problems with Kenny Boden.

Boden's mobility exposed a weakness on the ground by Kondarios, a weakness he has in common with most big centre backs.

However, Boden also beat Kondarios in the air many times in the first half which was very strange to see.

It was interesting to watch Footscray goalkeeper Dennis Boland in the pre-match warm up.

For 15 minutes to took cross after cross from one of the Footscray reserve players and hardly ever caught any of them, electing to punch the ball one-handed, sometimes two handed.

Not surprisingly the very first shot at goal he received in the game he punched away two handed when it would have been quite simple to catch it.

During the warm up all of the Footscray players played little passing and possession games in midfield, leaving the

goalmouth to Boland and his aides.

Not one Footscray player put in a shot at goal before the game.

This lack of awareness of goals was transmitted into the game where Footscray completely lacked penetration when attacking.

At the time of writing Footscray had scored 20 goals from 22 games — an average of 9 of a goal a game. (Editor's note: The rate has since gone up).

Which brings us back to what is skill?

Skill certainly is the ability to receive the ball well, even under pressure, then pass it accurately to another player, which is a trait I admire in Yugoslav players.

But still is for more than that.

In an attacking context it means getting the ball forward accurately for players to make penetrating runs, from penetrating passes ending up with shots on goal, or for players to dribble through on their own to end up with shots on goal.

These are the real tests of attacking skill, in fact the most difficult skills in the game.

And it was in this area that a

depleted Sydney City was far superior in skill to Footscray.

The dribbles of Boden, the long shots of Murray Barnes the wall passes of Joe Watson, the probing through balls of sweeper Alex Robertson and the crosses of Willie Murray constantly penetrated the Footscray defence.

The gifted Jovanovic and Illoski who kept Footscray in the game in midfield, continually played balls square and wide to the wings where attacks were often snuffed out before they had progressed more than a few metres into the Sydney City half of the field.

The resultant 3-0 scoreline to Sydney City reflected the capacity of the Slickers to get the ball and players continually into positions up from which threatened the Footscray goal.

Keeper Dennis Boland is a beautiful distributor of the ball, especially with his long kicking.

He also has tremendous reflexes, which he used on one occasion to make a point-blank save.

On the other hand, like Peter Laumets of South Melbourne, he is weak on crosses, which he needs to do something about.

His continual punching of balls during pre match warm ups would not help him.



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Mr George Cross — that's Maitland

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

Norm Maitland's 32 going on 25 and he judges a bloke on what he is not what church he goes to.

Belfast born and bred, the stopper is in his 10th season with Victorian State League club George Cross.

During that time he's seen the highs and lows of football, had a run in with a couple of coaches and a team mate and been involved in a threatened player strike.

All that and more for a player who didn't like the idea of training as a youngster so he gave the game away and went to work in the Belfast shipyards.

Maitland's a genuine person first. Being brought up as a protestant amid urban, sectarian conflict comes a distant second.

Belfast represents good memories and bad. His life style here is better.

"I immigrated here with the intention of staying and this is the place I'll live for the rest of my life," he said.

"I went back home in 1977 for a holiday. My only regret when I returned to Australia was leaving my folks back in Belfast.

"The Belfast environment can be harsh but you'd be amazed at how adaptable people can be. At one stage if you weren't involved with the protestant side or the catholic side and stayed away from the trouble areas you could live a reasonable life. Now there's a barrier around the inner city in Belfast. You're searched when you pass through that barrier and once inside, the police or the army can stop and search you at any time. It's not the sort of environment I wanted my kid to grow up in.

Maitland started his competitive career at Dunlambert Secondary School. There he played with four school sides the minors, juniors, intermediates and seniors. During his last year at school he trialled with Irish League side Crusaders.

"I didn't like the idea of all the physical stuff required at training. Running laps and the like. So I started work in the shipyards when I was 15.

"Then an electrician by the name of Roy Gordon roped me in to play football with Barmagh Mission in the churches' league. We got into the final of the Diamond Cup which we won 3-2. I was captain of the side and we beat Lower Shankill Old Boys in the final. After the match the president of a First Division Amateur League club, Civil Service, approached me.

"I played about six games with Civil Service before a scout from Dundela, in the Irish League B Division, got me to sign for them. I played about a season and a half there then I was on the move again, to Distillery in the First Division of the Irish League. The manager at Distillery was Jimmy McAlinden and he was a good friend of my manager at Dundela. I think that's how the move came about.

"After about a month with Distillery I was made captain of the reserve side. Then I broke into the first team as a stopper because the club professional, Peter Rafferty, who also was the first team captain, was suspended for four weeks. When he came back he told McAlinden that he wasn't happy playing twin centre half with me. McAlinden took me aside and told me that he was happy with the

way I was playing but because Rafferty wasn't happy I had to switch to right back.

"We were all basically amateurs then and part timers. It was the old \$10 stuck in your shoe trick in those days. Actually we got about \$20 and Rafferty was on maybe \$30. That's why I said that he was the club professional."

George Cross was keen to sign Irish players so the club placed an advertisement in a local Belfast paper asking for a scout to represent it in Belfast.

Jim Emery, a striker with Bangor, applied successfully for the job. The following week another advertisement appeared in the paper asking for players interested in going to Australia to play with the Cross. Maitland applied, not knowing that Emery was the scout. The two had clashed the previous week when Bangor and Distillery played against each other.

"We had a real kicking match that day," said Maitland.

"Before I'd even had a touch of the ball he came up to me and said he'd break my legs. That was enough for me so I got stuck into him right away. I didn't know it was him I was speaking to when a few days later I rang up to answer the George Cross advert. I told him who I played for. He knew me straight away. He said that not only had he seen me play but that I was the bastard that kicked him on the weekend. He recommended me to George Cross and I arrived here with my wife in June 1972."

It was easy for Maitland to settle into his life in a new land. He had an immediate group of new friends among the George Cross players. But the style of State League soccer was different to what he had experienced.

"It took me about six games to acclimatise to the game out here. For a start there had been a severe drought and the grounds were rock hard. My game's pretty physical and the referees penalised me a lot at first. And I had caloures all over me from grass burns."

Alec McConville, now playing with rival State League club Doveton, had preceded Maitland to Australia by a few months. McConville and Maitland lived in the same block of flats and developed a friendship which endures today. McConville was one of the players who Maitland was sorry to see leave George Cross.

John Sanchez was coaching then. Maitland has a high opinion of him.

"John was a good coach and a really straight forward guy. If he had something to say to you he would come out and tell you to your face."

Sanchez resigned his coaching post in 1973 believing that some of his players had stabbed him in the back. Ken Patterson took over. He clashed with Maitland.

"I fell out with Ken Patterson. I had been injured in the weekend game but I turned up to training on Thursday night and told Ken that I had recovered and that I was fit to play. He told me that he had selected his team and wasn't going to change his mind. I asked the club for a transfer.



Maitland lunges with a sliding tackle against Kaz Piotrowski, then with Sunshine.

"I think the club put some ridiculous fee on my head like \$15,000 and I said the whole team wasn't worth that much. But it soon blew over.

"Indeed I want to emphasise that I've never had a major fall-out with the club. I'm a pretty easy going kind of guy and I'm realistic about my ability. In fact I'm probably my harshest critic."

"You get some players going to the club to renegotiate a contract and saying that if they don't get, say \$500 to sign on, then they're not going to play but that's not my style. I always believe in compromising and negotiating."

"I'm not a player over-endowed with talent. I'm physical but I'm fair and I've got an abundance of enthusiasm. You see players with bags of talent but little heart. What I've got I think I use well."

Maitland first experienced the threat of a player strike early in his stint with the Cross. It was at the end of the 1972 season. It was to leave a lasting impression.

"There was some sort of interstate cup that we had to play in. We had to fly up to Sydney and because the club was paying the air fares and the like we were told that we couldn't get a match fee. Well the players got together and we decided that we wanted \$30 a game, win, lose or draw."

"It was one of the years that John Gardner wore the Rothmans Medal with George Cross. I think on the night of the first team went and half of us stayed. Once the club had the nucleus of a side it dragged other players from out of the reserve team pool and flew up to Sydney where it lost all its games."

"There was a bit of bad feeling among the players. I thought that we all would stick together and abide by our original decision to hold out for a \$30 match payment."

"But I'll never let that happen to me again. From that moment on I told myself that I would do all my negotiating myself."

"And George Cross hasn't let me down. The club never has owed me great amounts of money for any length of time. Everything it has promised me it's given."

"The fans at George Cross are colorful, emotional people in the main, often spurred on by national pride, quick to praise a winner and berate a loser. The George Cross club is an integral part of Victoria's soccer scene."

"I remember the celebrations in 1977 after Billy Wilkinson became the first man to coach George Cross to the state league championship. The fans put the players on a pedestal. Everyone wanted to slap you on the back and celebrate. It was a terrific atmosphere."

"But when things are going bad it's usually the coach that cops the flak when in fact it's the players who aren't making it happen out on the field."

"I'd have to say that Ken Wagstaffe was the best coach I've played under. He took a bunch of blokes who hadn't had a win in their first four league games in 1976 and led them to an 11 or 12 game unbeaten streak."

"When he arrived he made us train three times a week and on Saturday mornings as well. He had the knack of running you into the ground but you'd enjoy it. His training routines were so varied. You might work on something one night and you wouldn't get anything similar for weeks."

"I was a name player, a top class English professional and he was an inspiration to the whole side. He told you

what you would do and you believed him. You'd go out onto the park and do it. Even today if you talk to Robbie Cullen, who was with us then, Robbie will tell you that Wagstaffe made a better player of him."

Wagstaffe arranged for Wilkinson to take over as player coach in 1977. Cross won the championship but it was a particularly frustrating year for Maitland. The strong defender broke his collarbone in the 14th game of the season.

"We were playing Green Gully and I collided with Andy Segl. But it was fair. We both were going for the ball. It's just one of those things you have to accept."

It was the first serious injury of Maitland's career. He was sidelined for the rest of the season and next played in the 1978 Ampol Cup series. The injury denied him from achieving the full honor of playing in a championship side in Australia.

"It was a great side we had then and really if we hadn't won the title that year then I don't know when he would have won it. But I would love to be able to say, for my own personal pride, that I played a full season in that side."

John Sanchez was back at the coaching helm in 1979 but didn't last the season. Cross struggled to avoid relegation. The club called on Dave McLaren as a trouble shooter. McLaren had a very professional approach according to Maitland and his stay, for the last few games, played a big part in the club's successful effort to maintain its State League status.

Then Archie Campbell became coach for the 1980 season. Campbell, a legendary figure in the great George Cross sides of the 60's, created a period of euphoria around the club. The fans were happy. They'd back Archie. But Campbell's coaching stint ended in one of the low points in Maitland's career.

"Archie Campbell's ideas were different from mine. I was captain for our first league game against Sunshine. We were beaten 4-1 and through the week at training I was dropped as captain and told I could either play in the reserves or ask for a transfer."

"It was the way in which I was told that hurt so much. After the Sunshine debacle the players were gathered in a huddle at training and Archie read out a list of names of the players he wanted for his first team squad. My name wasn't on that list."

"That's not my style. I would have preferred him to take me aside, man to man, and tell me that he didn't think I was playing well enough so I should go to the reserves and try to get my form back."

"But I thought that I was still good enough for the first team. I still felt I had something to offer so I played the following week in the reserves."

"It was humiliating for me, particularly as I played against Green Gully reserves that week. With the rivalry between these clubs I really like to play in a side that beats Green Gully. But I didn't expect any preferential treatment because of the length of time I had been with the club. I just wanted the whole business done in a more gentlemanly way."

Anyway two weeks later I was back in the first team but this time I was playing left back. It was new to me but I soon adapted and grew to like the position."

"When Archie left earlier this year he made a comment in 'Soccer Action' that one of the players had stabbed him in the back. The lads knew that we didn't get on and some of them made a few jokes about me being the guy who stabbed him in the back. But I want to set the record straight. It

certainly wasn't me because I don't work that way. Any differences I had with Archie Campbell I told him straight to his face."

Maitland has re-established himself as the regular stopper in George Cross's 1981 campaign. He's under coach Jim Adam, the man who took West Adelaide to the PSL title in 1978.

"Jim Adam is a coach with a professional approach. Perhaps at times, he's too professional for George Cross. He has some out of the ordinary methods but I get along with him well."

"We've got a fair side together this season but we haven't got a prolific scorer like Kenny Reed or an exciting winger like Cullen. Bobby Toal's an excellent ball player though."

Maitland has been through 10 long seasons with the Cross. He's seen good players come and go. Asked to name the best George Cross eleven from the many players he's played alongside he came up with this line-up:

Lee Kastner — Alec McConville, Billy Wilkinson, Norm Maitland, Derek Barron — John Gardner, Ken Wagstaffe, Ged Bannion — Rod Cullen, Ken Reed, Kevin Walker.

I should emphasise that I picked Maitland in that team. After all 10 years is a lifetime to some people.

But Maitland isn't keen to end his association with George Cross.

"A couple of years ago when I turned 30 I wonder whether I still was up to it. And last year when I was dropped I had the same thoughts. But I'll keep playing as long as my form is good and I'm enjoying my game. I'll know before a few others when the time comes to give the game away."

"Then I'd like to coach George Cross."

"I'm not a player overendowed with talent. I'm physical but I'm fair and I've got an abundance of enthusiasm. You see players with bags of talent but little heart. What I've got I think I use well."



Norm Maitland doing the job he does so well — protecting the George Cross goal.

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Ken Wagstaffe, Maitland's pick as the best coach he's played under.

Tough for Slickers, J.U.S.T. to win

From page one

A feature of this contest will be the clash between Alun Evans and McMillan. Both are aggressive competitors. There could be some fireworks between them.

McMillan tackles as if his life depends on it but he won't want to die in as he was prone to do last year in the Victorian State League.

Evans pushes, shoves and bullfights his way up front, taking the brunt of the heavy work as Hellas's target man. His skills are first class, his commitment is total.

If Makedonia player-coach Peter Ollerton plays up front he will have the benefit of experience on his side against Soccerro stopper Steve Blair. But Blair is developing into a top-class talent. He certainly has the physical attributes to mix it with "Ollie" all the way.

And the clash between Vince Bannon, the consistent, competitive Hellas full back, and Makedonia's enigmatic Doug Brown should be a great spectacle. Brown will know he's been through a tough 90 minutes against Bannon at the game's end.

Claude Lucchesi is hitting the goal trail since moving into a striking role where his close ball skills can turn a defender inside out inside the area. Hellas won't want to give him much room.

But Hellas should keep those smiles on the faces of its fans grinning broader by the week as the countdown to its first PSL title gets underway.

I expect Sydney City to finish on an even keel with KB on Sunday. Slickers' striker

John Kosmina will find the experienced Roy Drinkwater a dour, uncompromising opponent.

KB will be looking to Graham Heys and David Jones to stretch the Slickers at the back and allow Bob Mountford to escape the clutches of Steve O'Connor.

Blacktown has the chance to pick up an invaluable couple of points against an out of sorts Canberra line-up which has conceded a welter of goals in recent weeks.

I think Canberra is a better side than Blacktown but it's hard to get out of the mini slump which has hit George Murray's side.

Maybe with Terry Byrne back at sweeper the gaping holes which have appeared recently will be sewn up. I have my doubts. I'll go for a draw here.

Footscray J.U.S.T. will beat Sydney Olympic at Schlatler Reserve on Sunday. I'm confident of a J.U.S.T. triumph against the worst defence in the PSL.

Pity help Olympic when Zdravko Lujic gets going. Danny Moulis won't know what's hit him. It's not that Moulis can't play. He's dynamic going forward but there's a giant question mark about his defensive capabilities and when you play in the Olympic defence you don't get good cover.

John Verweij seems to be relishing his move from Brisbane Lions. At J.U.S.T. he commands a regular first team spot and has shown that he thoroughly deserves it. He'll run into Jim Ziras on Sunday and should have a real battle on his hands.

It's out wide that J.U.S.T. will trouble Olympic and create space for Verweij or one of J.U.S.T.'s midfielders to come through and put Olympic keeper Peter Wilson under the hammer.

Brisbane Lions should beat Marconi at Richlands on Sunday. That old destructive duo, Hermiston and Bennett, should cope with Mark Jankovic and Eddie Krncevic while Alan Niven takes care of Peter Sharpe.

At the other end of the ground big Calvin Daunt should win a few important balls in the air and former Dundee striker Billie Williamson will pounce and convert most things that come his way. West Adelaide won't beat Heidelberg United at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

I got great odds about Gary Cole topping the PSL goalscorers list at the end of the season and I had a few bob on the blond Berger.

I'll be laughing all the way to the bank in a few weeks time and Cole will put a smile on my face on Sunday when he terrorises the West Adelaide defence.

APIA should beat Brisbane City at Lambert Park on Sunday.

If Peter Wilson takes care of Paul Wilkinson's aerial threat and Zdenko Kafka rules the roost in midfield the Brisbane side won't find any joy in its Sydney jaunt.

I can't split Wollongong and Adelaide City which meet at the Wollongong Showground on Sunday.

I mean, after all, they're two of my favorite sides. I have to stay in the good books with both camps.

Hellas takes on Kiwis

South Melbourne Hellas is out to regain prestige for Australian soccer when it tackles Kiwi club Hanimax at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday) at 7.30pm.

Australia's loss to New Zealand in this year's World Cup qualifying

series tilted the balance of power in the Oceania region in favour of the Kiwis.

Hellas will be out to prove that while Australia is something of a lame duck at national team level, the

standard of club soccer here is far higher than in NZ.

And Hellas's quest should prove successful. Indeed I'd back Hellas to beat Australia and New Zealand so Hanimax shouldn't prove too hard a nut to crack. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

Rasic, Thomson in heated clash

Syd. City 1 Blacktown 1

Scorers - City: Ian Souness 47th, Blacktown - Peter Jonas 60th.

Cautions: John Kosmina 65th, Bruce James 65th. Venue: Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1500.

Referee: Ken Small 4.

BLACKTOWN: Clarke 8, Cant 6, O'Connor 6, Robertson 7, Spanos 8, Patikas 6 (sub Boden 67th), Barnes 6, Souness 7, Watson 7, Kosmina 6, Murray 7.

SYDNEY CITY: James 8, Salvage 7, Pointer 7, Djordjevic 7, Rasmussen 6, Hormazabal 6, O'Donnell 6, Cuk 6 (sub Wheatley 75th) Jonas 8, Burrows 7, Krstic 6.

This was a spiteful, bad-tempered, nasty clash in which there were no winners. The loss of a valuable point certainly did not help the Slickers' quest for the 1981 PSL title and it more than opened the door for South Melbourne Hellas.

The capture of what should have been a valuable point for Blacktown was neutralised by

the other teams in the relegation struggle winning.

So as you can see, there were no winners - not even the game of soccer as some of the goings on in this critical and high-pressure clash were disgraceful.

Players kicked each other at will and in the second half, an all-in brawl erupted after Blacktown goalkeeper Bruce James sprinted 30 metres to hit Slickers striker John Kosmina.

And after the mayhem was over and the referee blew the final whistle, the two coaches - Rale Rasic of Blacktown and Eddie Thomson of the Slickers got into the act with their own sideshow.

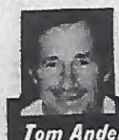
These two gentlemen for whom I have the greatest respect, held a slanging match on the touchline.

Who said that the pressure of football doesn't get to you?

Rale told Thomson: "If you played for the next 10 seasons you wouldn't beat us."

And Thomson retorted: "You should be more worried about beating the weaker teams and avoiding relegation."

In the dressing rooms afterwards, Thomson called Rasic



Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING: 6

some uncomplimentary names, adding: "I've never had an argument with any other coach in the competition except him."

Rasic's remarks were: "We used no offside trap today, no defensive play - what's going to be his excuse now?"

"I tell you, if we played them 30 times we'd beat them. I love playing this team."

This was ill feeling at its worst and as I said previously, the only people who were laughing at the end of the day were South Melbourne, Footscray, Sydney Olympic and Preston.

The Slickers opened the scoring with a magnificent

goal from Ian Souness in the 47th minute.

This elegant midfielder hit a shot from 30 metres that cannoned into the net - a glorious effort.

The equaliser came in the 60th minute when Peter Jones headed home a Stuart Salvage cross from the right, with the Slickers defence all at sea.

But all the nonsense in this game could and should have been stopped by referee Ken Small.

Small's performance was in my opinion way below par.

Players on both sides kicked anything that moved yet there were only two cautions - John Kosmina and Bruce James - after James had run 30 metres to clash with Kosmina after Kosmina had downed Jovan Djordjevic.

This season the refereeing in the PSL has been way below par and this match was no exception.

The spectators paid good money to watch good football.

If they wanted to watch boxing or all-in wrestling they would go to the Exhibition Hall.

This was one game that did little to further the cause of soccer in Sydney.

MITCHELL HANDFUL

Adel. C. O APJA O

Cautions: Pullen, Hughes, Wilson (Leichhardt), Perin, J. Nyskohus (Ad. City). Ground: Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 3,100.

Referee: Chris Brambridge 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Perosini 7 - Russell 7, Jones 7, Perin 7, B. Nyskohus 8 - Malta 7, Marocchi 7, Northcote 8 (Villani) - Fashanu 7, Mitchell 8, J. Nyskohus 7.

APIA-LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 7 - Skellern 7, Pullen 8, Wilson 7, McAusland 7 - Hughes 7, Butler 7, Kafka 8, Giampolo 7, Gray 7, O'Connor 7 (Monsello).

Adelaide City dropped yet another vital home point and is gradually playing itself out of contention for the PSL championship.

Its 0-0 draw with APIA-Leichhardt was the third suc-

cessive home match in which City has dropped points.

Four weeks ago Footscray beat City 3-1 and in the previous home match the Adelaide team drew 0-0 with lowly Blacktown.

Although it can still win the championship, it can abandon any title hopes unless its strikers and midfield show more bite and aggression.

City fired three or four powerful shots at Greg Woodhouse but on each occasion they either took a deflection or went wide.

Leichhardt, which has also hit a low in recent weeks, was worthy of a point mainly due to its tight defence.

Indeed, both defences were on top although David Mitchell again proved a handful.

Justin Fashanu had a quiet day but the conditions were against him.

The big striker was hampered by the muddy and slippery turf and when he did get through, the tackles came in hard and at times illegally.



Meno Tousidis

MATCH RATING: 6

Referee Chris Brambridge flashed his yellow card to five players - Mark Pullen, Alan Hughes, Peter Wilson (Leichhardt) and to City's John Perin and John Nyskohus.

City opened the match promisingly and after only two minutes Sergio Malta broke through and hit a scorching drive just wide.

A minute later Mitchell prised open Leichhardt's defence and was brought down by Wilson but Brambridge ruled "no penalty."

This upset the City fans but later in the first half Seb Giampolo was given a nudge as he shot against the bar from just inside the penalty area for Leichhardt.

Leichhardt had a setback just before half time when lively winger Phil O'Connor was taken off due to injury and was replaced by Tony Morsello.

The second half produced few fireworks although City went close to breaking through in the 58th minute when Brian Northcote slammed a shot wide of the foot of the far post.

With light rain falling for most of the second half, the condition of the ground deteriorated and it was apparent that the match was heading for a goal-less draw.

Leichhardt, which was beaten 4-1 in its previous away match against South Melbourne, was happy with an away point but the draw frustrated City fans who had hoped Fashanu could end his guest stint with a goal.

But disaster struck in the first minute of the second half.

Again a high cross did the damage as it was headed on by ex-Canberra youngster Stephen Hogg and finally headed home by defender Col Bennett.

Then came Canberra's remarkable revival and the great 59th and 72nd minute goals by Walter Valeri and Robert O'Shea.

Valeri's was a sizzling, magnificent 30-metre shot through a packed defence and O'Shea's a fine header from an equally fine John Moutsopoulos cross.

Perhaps the happiest man on the field was Brisbane's defender Alan Niven.

The reason? He had been able to celebrate his 100th game with a victory - the best possible present for a century maker.

OLD BOYS CLASH

Past stars of Hellas and Melbourne-Hungary will clash at Middle Park at 1pm on Sunday in the curtain-raiser to the Hellas v Makedonia match.

The squads are:

HELLAS OLD BOYS: Marko Fode, Mike Mandell, Jim Armstrong, Jim Mantarakis, Jimmy Mackay, Steve Walker, Taki Xanthopoulos, John Dapera, John Anderson, Soula Kamboropoulos, Jim Pyrgiolis, Frank Micic, Ernie Ackerley, Andrew Rousias.

MELBOURNE OLD BOYS: John Kennedy, Sendor Kezi, Andy Kazi, Joe Szabo, Alistair Scott, Bobby Dobbing, Charlie Kelly, Stewart Fowler, Frank Palinka, Joe Hagedorn, Steve Foulds, Frank Cash, Bill Nadey, Warren Groenewald, Steve Bleszany.

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BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan 7, Ontong 7, Niven 7, Bennett 8, Hermiston 8, Hogg 8, McLenn 7 (Ogden, 72nd), Low 8, Williamson 8, Daunt 8, Ferris 7.

Venue: Bruce Stadium Ref: Bob Mac

Crowd: 1,603. Scorers: Valeri, R. O'Shea (Can); Williamson, Bennett (BL).

Canberra crashed to its third consecutive defeat when a disastrous defensive mix-up allowed Brisbane Lions to snatch a 3-2 victory on Sunday.

A draw, after Canberra had courageously fought back to 2-2 after having trailed 2-0, would have been the fairer result.

But Brisbane had a resilient defence and showed sound opportunism that enabled them to once more pull off an odd-goal victory after having downed Sydney Slickers 4-3 the previous weekend.

The disastrous mix-up that gave Brisbane victory came just 10 minutes from full-time.

Canberra, now on level terms, had been pressing incessantly when a harmless



Peter Windsor

MATCH RATING: 8

long free-kick was gathered by Canberra's long-legged sweeper, John Massa.

Massa turned as if someone had shouted and slotted a back pass to goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski who came scurrying out to take it.

Unfortunately the ball was intercepted by alert Brisbane forward Billy Williamson, taken around Hoszowski and then steered into an empty net.

Still Canberra continued the good fight and forced no less than five corners into the last five minutes.

But they just couldn't get the ball into the net.

New Canberra has to face the possibility of disastrously low crowds for its remaining handful of home games.

Only 1,600 people (and even that figure seemed inflated) watched - and that's one of the smallest crowds for at least two to three seasons.

Hellas oozes class in best PSL victory

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Scores: Blair 3rd, Evans 10th, 26th, and 61st, Stevenson 45th.

Venue: Middle Park. Crowd: about 4000.

Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 8.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Laumetz 7, V. Bannan 7, Blair 7, Xanthopoulos 7, Lutton 7 - Cummings 9, Stevenson 8, Shirra 9, Buljevic 9 - Wooddin 9, Evans 9.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7 - Maricic 5, Kambas 4, Marwa 4, Bozanic 6 - McGregor 6, Honeyman 5, Brown 6 - Manecak 6, Lorenzoni 4 (Jorgenson 65th), Smythe 6 (McKie 65th).

Style, intelligence, poise and class - South Melbourne Hellas had it all in this game.

Duncan Cummings was back on the field as he was back with a vengeance.

Branko Buljevic, whose future at Hellas was in doubt only a few weeks ago, taunted and teased with his superior skill. Steve Wooddin turned opponents at will and would have grabbed a few goals with a little more luck.

And the master himself, Alan Evans, notched his second hat-trick in as many games. He also scored three in Hellas' 4-1 victory over APIA two weeks earlier.

Now he's top scorer in the league - and he probably would have been further in front had he not been suspended from the game against Wollongong.

Jim Shirra and John Stevenson ruled the midfield once again, and the defenders made everything look ridiculously easy.

The victory was Hellas' biggest in the PSL. Some say it must be seen as an aberration because West Adelaide was drained of spirit by goals in the 3rd minute and 48th minute.

But let's remember Hellas also destroyed APIA and that the quality of its play at the moment is quite remarkable.

What's more, the dissection of West Adelaide took place without Alan Davidson and Billy Rogers who were out injured.

West Adelaide had so little to offer that it managed only three direct shots at goal - two by Colin Gregson and one by Ian McKie, both late substitutes.

West coach Peter Jaksa had Robert Marwa marking Evans, Zoran Maricic on Buljevic and Vic Bozanic on Wooddin, with Con Kambas sweeping - if that's what it could be called.

Cummings however was allowed to run free and caused West headaches galore until Jaksa assigned Tim Brown to pick him up after half time.

Whatever match plan West may have had was rendered ineffective after Steve Blair opened the scoring in the 3rd minute, assisted by a goalkeeper.



Laurie Schwab

MATCH RATING:

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ping mistake by Martyn Crook who allowed the shot to slip through his legs.

Crook however, made up partly for the miss by saving a few certain goals later on.

One had to feel sorry for poor Marwa. Bought by the club from the SA State League a few weeks ago, he had no chance of stopping Evans.

Marwa was nowhere to be seen as Evans belted the ball neatly over Crook for the second goal in the 18th minute.

Crook was beaten by a good shot from Shirra shortly afterwards but Bozanic cleared off the line, with Hellas claiming unsuccessfully that Bozanic had handled the ball.

Wooddin played the ball square into the penalty area for Evans to score Hellas' third goal in the 26th minute, and then Crook made an uncanny one-armed save of a close-range shot by Cummings.

A Wooddin-Buljevic build-up gave Cummings another chance but again Crook saved.

Undeterred, Cummings slipped the ball past Bozanic, ran around him, and shot, only to be denied by Crook yet again.

Whatever chance there may have been of a West Adelaide revival was dispelled seconds after half time when Stevenson rammed in the fourth goal from the edge of the area after some intricate lead-up play involving Buljevic, Shirra, Wooddin and Cummings.

Shirra almost scored with a lob over Crook, but the ball went just wide of the near post.

Evans completed his hat-trick in the 61st minute, tucking the ball away after a shot by unmarked Wooddin had been blocked by Crook's flailing feet.

Right after that goal, Jaksa reshuffled his team drastically.

Gregson and McKie came on as the new full backs. Aldo Lorenzoni and Vic Smythe were taken off, Tim Brown left Cummings to go to centre-forward, and Bozanic went from defence to the wing.

But Hellas's pressure continued, with Evans shooting just over Wooddin's blurring across goal. Arthur Xanthopoulos just failed to connect as he slid in towards a square ball from Buljevic and then Crook made a nice save from a power Cummings drive.

In the last few minutes, West's attackers managed to outnumber the Hellas backs a few times in breakaways, but even then they were easily disposed.

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LUCCHESI THRAPSHIPS

Makedonia 6 Wollongong 0

Scores: Lucchesi 11th, 23rd, Whittle 59th, Brown 75th, Fontana 80th, Cullen 89th.

Venue: Connor Reserve. Referee: Stuart Mellings 8.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7; Rainey 7, Potroski 7, McMillan 8, Booth 7; Flavell 7 (Cullen 78th), Farrell 8, Boyle 8 (Ollerton 78th); Whittle 8, Lucchesi 9, Brown 8.

WOLLONGONG: Vardaroff 7; Fleming 6, Dunleavy 6, Bertogina 6, Ainsworth 6; Kay 5 (de Graaf 71st), McBrean 6, Adam 6, Trodinnick 7; Fontana 5, Lathan 7.

Wollongong has forsaken travelling the night before a game to cut down on costs and nowadays makes the two-hour bus trip to Sydney early on Sunday morning before flying interstate for its away games.

It may be saving the club a few dollars in accommodation but it is certainly proving unhelpful.

From then on it was a matter of how many and, spurred on by the supporters, the team collected three more goals in the last quarter of an hour.

The win will give the players that touch of confidence Peter Ollerton has been looking for since he took over but on his form he will find it hard to break back into the side himself.

Claude Lucchesi

setting for the players who arrived at Reservoir with barely enough time for a light lunch before getting ready for the game.

Of course this is not the major reason for the big defeat but it was a contributing factor.

Another thing which helped Makedonia was the wind blowing down the length of the ground. The place is notorious for its gales but the Makedonia players have adapted with newcomers find it hard to adjust early enough.

But if there is one single factor which helped Makedonia in its runaway win it was that lady luck for a change smiled on the team.

The pair ripped apart Wollongong's right side from the start and only selfishness on the part of Brown prevented a bigger score in the first half.

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Dick Prendergast

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Certainly on current form he cannot displace Claude Lucchesi who has found himself a new niche at striker and whose combination with Doug Brown laid the foundation for the victory with two goals in the opening half hour.

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Wollongong came out full of fire after the break but their fightback was brought to an abrupt end by Whittle in the 59th minute.

The former Everton winger broke out of defence for a lightning attack, was forced wide by a defender and then lobbed over the keeper from outside the penalty area.

The ball was cleared before it hit the back of the net but Stuart Mellings was well placed to rule that it had already crossed over the line.

Brown finally got his name on the scoresheet in the 75th minute. Peter Boyle supplied the through pass this time and the winger fired a shot past the keeper's right which went in off the post.

Ollerton made a double substitution, bringing himself and Robert Cullen on for Gordon Flavell and Boyle and the changes spurred the team on for two more goals in the closing minutes.

Glen Fontana deflected into his own net a shot from Cullen following a Brown freekick, and Ollerton put the tiny winger clear in the final minute for another unstoppable shot.

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LUJIC WRECKS MARCONI

Marconi 1 Footscray 3

Goals JUST: Verwoj, Cozzella, Lujic (JUST); Jankovic (Marci).

Venue: Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3450.

Referee: Richard Lorenz 9. Cautions: Kakantonis (JUST).

MARCONI: Maher 7 - Degney 6, Mariani 7, Henderson 6, Brogan 7 - Byrne 7, Jankovic 7, Johnson 5 (Picciotto 7, 65th) - Hunter 6, Krncovic 7, Sharne 5.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 9 - Kyriakoulas 8, Kondarios 8, O'Reilly 7, Milne 8 - Haski 7, Jovanovic 7, Kakantonis 8 - Cozzella 7 (Helle 80th), Verwoj 8, Lujic 10.

"I haven't seen J.U.S.T. fight like this for many, many years," coach Cedo Cirkovic said after his team had beaten Marconi.

from midfielder Steve Kakantonis.

Kyri Kyriakoulas also deserves credit for the marking job he did on Marconi's danger man Peter Sharne.

It was Marconi's worst performance of the season.

At stake it was hardly a satisfactory run-up for Marconi's Philips Cup semi-final clash with Brisbane Lions tonight (Wednesday).

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Roger Sherack

MATCH RATING:

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"We should have scored another five goals after half time."

"But I love this Marconi club. They are wonderful people and they looked after our boys tremendously. They showed us real hospitality."

The match was highlighted by a brilliant performance from J.U.S.T. winger Zdravko Lujic, and also a great game

Bozanic, Kambas show the way

PHILLIPS CUP SEMI-FINAL: WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Bozanic 62nd), ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 6,200.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7 - Maricic 8, Kambas 9, Forde 7, Bozanic 8 - Topex 7 (Brown 7, 39th min), Honeyman 8, McGregor 8 - Manecak 7, Lorenzoni 7, Smythe 8.

ADELAIDE CITY: Porosin 7 - Russell 8, Jones 8, Perin 7, B. Nyshohus 7 - Vilani 8 (Fashanu 75th), Marocchi 6, Melta 7 - Northcote 8, J. Nyshohus 6, Mitchell 8.

Cautions: Forde, Bozanic, Honeyman (West); Vilani, Northcote (Adelaide City). Referee: Barry Harwood 6.

West Adelaide sent Adelaide City, the 1979 Philips Cup winner, crashing out of the competition with a battling 1-0 win in an exciting semi-final at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Vic Bozanic's unstoppable drive from inside the penalty area clinched West's first Cup Final berth.

It will meet the winner of the Marconi-Brisbane Lions semi-final to be played in Sydney tonight (Wednesday).

As it did against Marconi in its last home match, West chased and counter attacked with great conviction.

It rarely allowed City's midfield to dominate and indeed Ian McGregor and Graham Honeyman were among the best men on the ground.

But West could have been in trouble early. Gary Marconi sent a splendid free kick from the left and Brian Northcote stormed in to head against the bar.

Midway through the first half, West blunted City's edge and it became apparent the one goal would probably decide the match.

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Wilson breathtaking, Redfern looks good

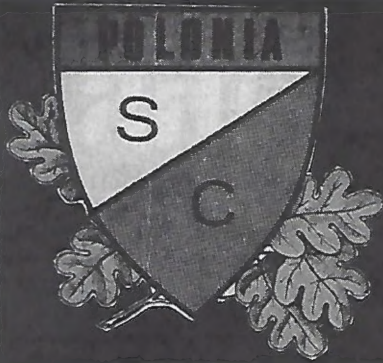
Sydney Olympic 2 Heidelberg 1

Scores: K. Wilson 2 (SO), Campbell (Heid).

Ground: Pratten Park. Crowd: 5,600.

Referee: Amos 4.

OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 10 - Moulis 6, Ziras 7, Rowden 6, Scott 8 - Raskopoulos 8 (Jamieson 70th), Kithalos 8 - Crox 7, Koussis 7, K. Wilson 8, Jennings 6 (Redfern 68th).



HAIL POLONIA!

By LAURIE SCHWARTZ

By the end of next year, if all goes according to plan, Polonia will open a million-dollar social club building at its ground in Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong.

The club already has town planning approval for the building, which will be financed by sponsors and contributions from the Polish community of Melbourne.

But for the moment, Polonia's main concern is to beat second-placed Western Suburbs on Sunday to achieve its aim of finishing the season with 36 points — four more than the total with which Doveton won the league last year.

It should be a hell of a match. Wests beat Polonia 4-3 last time, and so Polonia is out for revenge.

The rivalry may be continued in the State

League next year. Polonia already has clinched promotion and West is second in line.

Polonia's success this year has been the result not only of skill on the field but also dedication and club loyalty.

Nine of the players are either products of the club or have had a long-standing association with it.

And coach Kaz Kowalec, a former Australian representative, is a club man through and through. He coached Polonia a few times before, and of course he was a star forward with the club in the sixties and early seventies.

Having achieved top status in Victoria, Polonia now has a three-year plan to get into the Philips League.

And there's no reason why the club shouldn't do it — PSL prejudice notwithstanding (what would Polonia change to — peacocks, porcupines, parakeets???)

Increased migration from Poland has strengthened not only Melbourne's Polonia, but also Polonia of Sydney.

And such immigration also strengthens the team.

Polonia has a proud history of great Polish players.

This year, for example, the team has been given

great service by goalkeeper Leszek Dziakowski, forward Tad Krynski and midfielder Ryszard Sekulski.

Next year Mirak Smolarek also will play. He has been waiting for permanent residency, as temporary residents are prohibited by the ASF from playing outside the PSL and State League.

Another major development for Polonia has been the formation of another junior nursery club.

Called Southmore, it fields under 11 and under 15 teams, playing at Moorabbin Technical school and is coached by Frank Wierzbicki.

West Newport also remains under the wing of Polonia. It fields under 11 and under 15 teams, and its coach is Frank Barfi.

Nursery clubs have, over the years, produced many of Polonia's finest players.

The North Sunshine juniors of 1962 for example, produced Zbig Knot, Henry Czerniecki, Eddy Marmur, Mike Olinowski, Marian Sowula and Jerzy Blank.

Like every club, Polonia has had its ups and downs. The greatest successes were gained during the golden years of Victorian soccer.

At that time, when crowds of 20,000

watched State League games, Polonia was regarded as the finest team in the land. Its reputation lives on.

Polonia's decline coincided with the decline of immigration, and hit rock bottom in 1977 when the team was relegated from the State League.

But the club's pride and ambition did not wane.

Tad Lezon who, with Dr Charles Walker, was one of the main team builders of the early sixties, returned to the club and negotiated successfully for some talented players from Poland — Jan Gawlik, for example, Tad Rachwalski and the present goalkeeper, Leszek Dziakowski.

Polonia now is negotiating for what would be the finest Polish player yet to come to Australia.

The name is being kept secret, but it is known he played in most of Poland's matches in the 1978 World Cup finals.

The club also has its eyes on a few talented young local players.

Team building will be no problem. Coach Kaz Kowalec, team manager Wally Klain and the senior players — Andy Czapiak, Marian Jaworski, Johnny Wallace — know most of the good Victorian players and have a keen eye for those who will fit in.

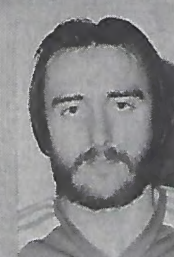
They're the men who make it happen



ANDY CZAPIAK, 33, midfielder, longest-serving Polonia player in the squad, returned to the club last year after a stint with Western Suburbs, been out for much of the season through injury.



LESZEK DZIAKOWSKI, 33, goalkeeper, ex Motor Lublin, Polish youth representative 1966-67 against Switzerland, Norway and Finland. Rated No. 1 goalkeeper in the league.



RICK LIPARSKI, 30, full back, long-serving Polonia player who also had a stint with Ardeer.



MARIAN JAWORSKI, 29, centre back. Like Andy Czapiak, returned to Polonia after a stint with Western Suburbs, during which that club won promotion to the State League.



JOE HERNIAN, 24, centre back, was centre forward when Polonia was last in the State League, but now excelling in defence.



MIKE PICNER, 23, former Ardeer junior and State junior representative. Switched from the wing to full back with great success this year.



ALEX MARSHALL, 23, striker, former State junior rep, product of Hakoah juniors, then played for Moreland and Richmond from where he joined Polonia a few months ago.



JOHN WALLACE, 30, midfielder, product of Melbourne juniors, then played for Hakoah, Croatia, AFA and Richmond. Represented Victoria.



PETER CZAPIAK, 24, midfielder, came up through the ranks. Tall, energetic, skilful. Younger brother of Andy.



TADEUSZ KRYSINSKI, 32, forward, ex Stal Rzeszow which was Polish champion in 1975, with Krynski playing up front.



MIRAK SMOLARKE, 30, defender, ex-KS Lodz, Polish junior rep 1965 against France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece and Germany. Arrived this year and is awaiting permanent residence status before he can play.



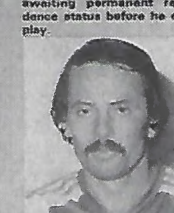
BRENDAN LAKIC, 23, forward, top scorer in the First Division, but was a goalkeeper at Fawkner.



GRZEGORZ GAMANSKI, 28, midfielder or full back, came from Poland last year. Brother of former Polonia coach Fr. Richard Gamanski.



STAN KLAİN, 29, defender, started with Kellor City juniors, later played for Polonia Adelaide. Alex and Wierbicki from where he returned for his second stint with Polonia.



RYSZARD SEKULSKI, 32, ex-Stal Mielec, forward or midfielder. Very experienced player with great skill and vision.



CHRIS GERICK, 17, forward, started with Kellor City juniors, then Ajax juniors, and joined Polonia from Kellor-Austria. State junior rep.



LARRY OSTROWSKI, 23, goalkeeper, Polonia product, returned to the club after playing for Footscray J.U.S.T.



RALPH ESPÓSITO, 25, came up through the ranks, forward and former club top-scorer.

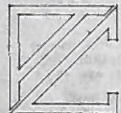


KAZ KOWALEC, coach, former Australian international.



PAWEŁ DZIAKOWSKI, mascot, son of Leszek Dziakowski.

To everyone associated with Polonia S.C. congratulations.



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Polonia's Bob Wemyss who played in Australia's Olympic soccer team in the 1956 Games.



Polonia, 1951, after a 7-1 victory over Geelong United, standing from left: Cebula, Zablocki, Bialek, Dziura, Terlikowski, Galecki, Chrzanowski, Kleczka. Front: Koszanski, Czuderna, Mazurek, Jakubowski.

Champions in

Polonia's foundation meeting was on August 13, 1950 at 95 Brighton Road, St. Kilda, and in its first match, the team beat J.U.S.T. 4-3.

The first committee, elected on August 27, was: J. Kowalik, president; W. Kwiatkowski, secretary; F. Zielinski, team manager; B. Mlewska, coach; M. Terlikowski, ground manager.

The team in 1950 was: Mazurek, Czuderna, Dziura, Zablocki, Bialek, Jakubowski, Galecki, Koszanski, Chrzanowski, Gercarczyk and Cebula. Polonia started in the Fourth Division and in a spectacular run, lost only one game in two and a half years.

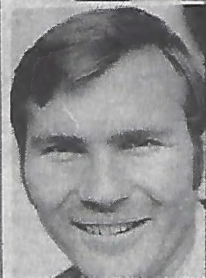
When the club moved to a new ground at Kookynie Park in 1951, Polonia celebrated by beating South Yarra by 10-0. Two weeks later it beat Frankston 6-3.

By 1954 Polonia had climbed into the First Division. It had taken only four years to get from the bottom to the top.

The following year it finished runner-up to First Division champion Juventus after twice drawing with Juventus.

From 1955 to 1959 Polonia played well but did nothing spectacular. It wasn't until 1960 that the club set the soccer world alight.

In 1956, the year of the Melbourne Olympics, Polonia officials took the opportunity to approach visiting members of the Polish Olympic Committee who agreed to allow some of Poland's best players to come to Melbourne. In return, Polonia promised



Mike Olinowski (top) and Eddy Marmur - long-serving centre backs.

financial aid to help send Polish sportsmen to future Olympic Games.

But it took over two years to cut all the red tape and it wasn't until June, 1959, that the first five imports arrived at Essendon Air-

port to be greeted by the men responsible for starting the negotiations to bring them here - club president Dr. Charles Welker and secretary Ted Lezon.

The five were Vic Janczyk and Marian Gialor of KKS Lodz, Richard Szczepanski from Polonia Gdansk; Roch Dronia from Ruch Chorzow; and Kaz Bygalski from Sparta Chodakow.

They all stayed with Polonia for at least six years - Janczyk for nine years and their contribution is evident from the team's record during this period.

1960 - State League championship and State League Cup.

1961 - State League Championship, Dockerty Cup and Laidlav World Cup.

1963 and 1964 - Ampol Cup. Twenty-eight years old when he arrived in Melbourne, Janczyk was quickly hailed as a Victoria's leading player.

During his nine-year career with Polonia, he won the Argus Medal and contributed enormously to soccer in Victoria as a regular player, captain of the State team and as one of Victoria's leading coaches.

After hanging up his boots in September, 1968, he became coach of Juventus and took his new club to second place on the ladder and to victory in the State League Cup.

Of the other imports, Marian Gialor became coach of Kallaroo City and brought the team from Fourth Division to the brink of State League in successive years from 1966 to 1969.

Roch Dronia made a brief comeback as coach of Polonia's reserve team when the club ran into difficulties in 1969.

Among other imports whose names will always figure prominently in Victoria's soccer history were stopper Wujc (Juncia) Maruszkiewicz, inside forward Janczyk, winger Henryk Stan Biderak, brothers Henryk and Robert Gronowski, winger Ziggi Gadecki and Andrew Ziantara, who represented Poland 47 times and who broke his ankle during his first match for Polonia.

Although they all returned to Poland, many outstanding players remained here permanently.

They include Jurek Dodon, Mike Jurecki, who was perhaps the best centre-forward to have played in Melbourne, and Kaz Kowalec, who played regularly for Victoria and represented Australia.

In the late sixties giant centre half Joe Zurawski and goalkeeper Miro Litwin were brought from Poland to bolster the team and then came midfielder Eddy Widora. Litwin went on to coach Dons and Widora coached Central City.

After winning the 1960 and 1961 championships Polonia lost Maruszkiewicz, Gema, Jurecki who was out for some time due to injury and Janczyk who went back to Poland temporarily.

Tony and Lolly Vella were recruited to cover some of the gaps.



Dockerty D. (Dr. Charles Welker, President), W. Gialor (Marian Gialor, Secretary), A. Gronowski (Front: H. Dronia, Roch Dronia).

and R. Gronowski in place of Janczyk. Dronia reshuffling, Polonia eighth that year.

In 1963 Polonia's Australian Cup final 2-3 to Slavia, and became top scorers with 21.

Two of the greatest mentioned who played were goalkeeper Z. Jurecki and forward Z. Jurecki.

In 1964 Polonia finished the decline had Jurecki was transferred Sydney and in 1965 Polonia slipped place and were out of Cup for the first time.

In 1968, Polonia rose first team with local affiliated junior clubs shine and Ardena. The contributed to Polonia in gaining second place final ladder behind Croatia but above Hakoah.

The successful squad Jersey Blonk, Zbig B. Marmur, Henryk C. Marian Sowula, Zbig B. Sliwa, Stan Adamczyk, Wrobel, - all local but elevated their inspiration more experienced players YK, Gadecki, Gadj, Zurawski.

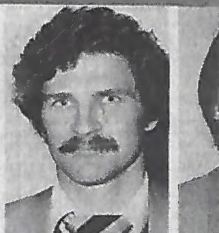
In the 10 years from 1970 Polonia's strength



Former player-coach Tom Kotar (left) wins a heading duel against Hakoah.



Mieczyslaw Zurek, president.



Czeslaw Kozicki, secretary.



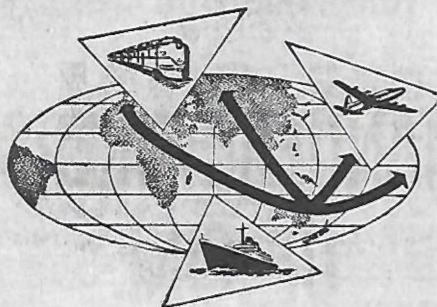
Polonia, 1969, from left, standing: Kaz Kowalec (coach), Miro Litwin, Andy Czapnik, Jim M. Olinowski, Henryk Sliwa, Henryk Czerniecki, Jim Molloy, Ted Lezon (official). Front: David P. Plaskota, Marian Sowula, Eddy Wrobel, Stan Adamczyk.

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winners, 1961, from left, standing: K. Trojanowski (vice-president), C. Morke, W. Janczyk, Z. Maruszkiewicz, H. Dockerty (Victorian president), R. Szczepanski, Dr. C. Walker (Polonia president), J. Dudon, J. Gross, R. Winiarski (official), M. Jurecki, R. Dronia, M. Gasior, H. Gronowski, R.



One of Polonia's finest forwards - Ziggie Gadecki who came to Melbourne after playing in Poland's Olympic team.

coach of the Polish team, Jurecki had scored 57 goals in that period. Kowalek 35, Janowski 30, Dudon 23, Swoboda 17, Gadj 16.

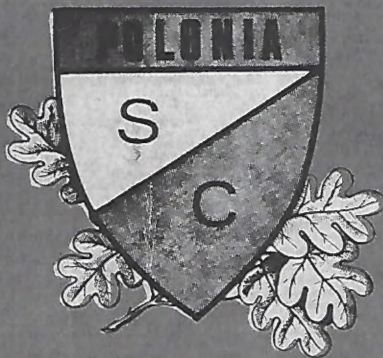
After 1970 Polonia found it increasingly difficult to put the ball into the net. In fact the team had only one effective score in that decade - Henry Sivka.

The club's successes since 1970 have been winning the Armstrong Cup for reserves in 1973 reaching the Dockerty Cup final only to lose to J.U.S.T. and of course winning promotion this year.

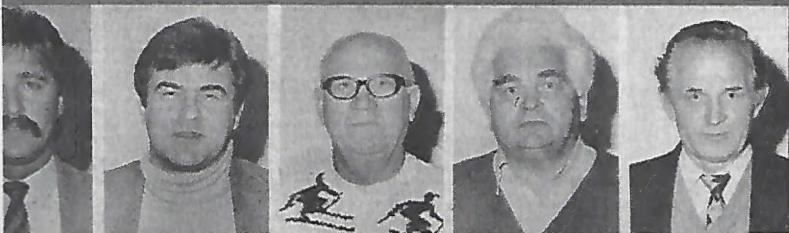
Polonia produced two State coaches - Jan Hammerling (1963) and Vic Janczyk (1964-68) and four Victorian captains - Boleslaw Zablocki, Bob Wemyss, Vic Janczyk and Mike Jurecki.

The Polonia players who have been in the State squad are:

Steve Casaderna, Zablocki, Henryk Jakubowski, Ted Blalik, Jan Gancarczyk, George Pittoni, Steve Zaleski, Rocco Guardiani, Bob Wemyss, Bob Strehen, Peter Shipperheyn, Vic Janczyk, Mike Jurecki, Ryszard Szczepanski, Kaz Szygalski, Marian Gasior, Zygmunt Gross, Zdzislaw Maruszkiewicz, Jerzy Dudon, Andrzej Zientara, Edward Janowski, Kaz Kowalek, Norbert Gadj, Zygmunt Gadecki, Henryk Gronowski, Bruno Putkowski, Eugeniusz Srochowski, Dora Pliskota, Andrew Czupnik, Eddy Warner, Mike Olinowski and Eugene Larch.



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Full back Barney Klimecki, although well-positioned on the line, is unable to stop this goal by Jim Armstrong of Hellas.



The first five players Polonia imported from Poland, alight from the plane in 1959 - from left: Marian Gasior, Rocco Dronia, Wieslaw Janczyk, Kazimierz Szygalski and Ryszard Szczepanski.

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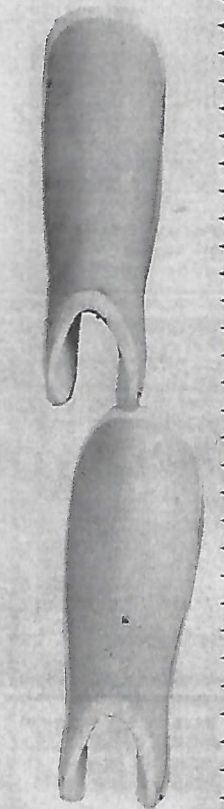
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This week's votes:

DOVETON V CROYDON
1 — Loughnane (Croy)
2 — Thurlow (D)
3 — Denzler (Croy)

HAKOAH V AJAX
1 — G. Bennett (A)
2 — Gresham (A)
3 — Hoggan (A)

SUNSHINE V FRANKSTON
1 — Adams (F)
2 — Taylor (S)
3 — Gilbert (F)

GEORGE CROSS V CROATIA
1 — Kokoška (C)
2 — P. Bannon (C)
3 — Short (C)

NORTHWICH V ALTONA
1 — Jones (A)
2 — Tsetsoos (N)
3 — Cunningham (J)

RINGWOOD V JUVENTUS
1 — O'Callaghan (R)
2 — Bravo (R)
3 — Jones (A)

Progressive votes:
21 — French (H)
17 — G. Bannon (GC), P. Bannon (C)
15 — Wilkinson (GC).

STEVE JONES TOPS

Every week "Soccer Action" nominates a State League player of the week who wins a dinner for two at Leo's Restaurant, 95 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda. The winner can pick up his ticket from "Soccer Action" 603 Little Lonsdale Street.

This week's winner is Altona midfielder STEVE JONES.

VITAL GAMES FOR WESTS, DONCASTER

The Victorian Leagues

Western Suburbs and Albion Rovers, locked together in a fierce struggle for second spot in First Division and promotion to the 1982 State League, face crucial games this week-end.

West faces up to title favorite Polonia while Rovers take on Kellor Austria.

But the struggle for second spot in Division Two is just as intense with Doncaster Rovers hosting promotion rival Frankston Pines on Saturday at Donvale Reserve.

Both camps are confident. Both sides are prepared for a tough, physical clash.

Doncaster coach Norm Hobson has a lot of respect for Tommy Randles' Pines outfit. "Pines are a really good side and give 100%", said Hobson.

"I feel that we were unlucky not to pick up at least a point at their ground earlier this season but I'm confident of Saturday's game. We'll win. It'll be close but we'll beat them."

Pines boss former Hakoah player Gerry Edmondson at sweeper and ex-Slavica striker Mick McGorian.

If Randles decides to use Sam Murray as stopper, Murray will have the fearsome task of stifling Doncaster's Robbie Forsyth while will of the wisp winger Mario Anselma will give the Pines defence plenty of trouble.

But Pines striker George Malcolm is a superb forward with close ball skills and a nose for goal. Malcolm comes up against Doncaster stopper Trevor Teer and their clash should be a match highlight.

Doncaster lies one point behind Pines with two games to go so it's all or nothing for the Rovers on Saturday but they'll find Pines a hell of a tough nut to crack.

FIRST DIVISION

MORELAND 2 (Hamill, Constantinou) POLONIA 3 (Marshall 2, P. Czapiński).

POLONIA: Dzielekoowski, Upiarski, Jaworski, Marwan, Pichner, Wallace, P. Czapiński, Gamanaski, Krynski, Marshall, Lakic.

Polonia won the First Division championship with this victory, but it had to fight back after falling behind and did not score its winning goal until two minutes from the end.

Hamill scored for Moreland after only seven minutes but Polonia attacked for the rest of the half and equalised through Peter Czapiński in the 41st minute, after a good pass from Brandon Lakic.

Full back Mike Pichner cleared off the line, and it was big Alex Marshall who shot Polonia into the lead in the 76th minute.

Constantinou equalised 10 minutes from the end, and both sides mobilised all their strength in a spirited climax.

Moreland, struggling to avoid relegation, had to succumb however when Marshall scored the winner, aided by Tad Krynski.

Polonia's best were Marshall, Gamanaski and Herman.

BOX HILL 2 (Taylor, S. Patterson) KELLOR AUSTRIA 1 (O. Latif).

BOX HILL: Hearn, McLeod, Brownlie, Ras, Singleton, Ramos, Tolmie, Valentini, Patterson, Darlington, Taylor.

The Hillmen brought to an end a long winter of discontent when they recorded their first victory since 27 June, in their encounter with Kellor Austria at Wembley Park on Saturday.

A goal each half proved to be sufficient for Box Hill's cause, though a late rally by the visitors, during which they pulled one back, gave the home supporters severe palpitations in the dying minutes.

In an even first half Box Hill were well served by Greg McLeod whose constructive ability at right back was a cause of deep concern to Austria as the home side probed for openings.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

GILBERT (F'ton)			
THURLOW (D'ton)	ADAMS (F'ton)	KOKOSKA (Croatia)	G. BENNETT (Ajax)
GREECHAN (Ajax)	JONES (Altona)	CUNNINGHAM (Juve)	O'CALLAGHAN (R'wood)
I. LOUGHNANE (C'don)			
TSETSOOS (N'cote)			



Charlie Bokaris (Heidelberg)

powerful right foot drive into the top right hand corner of the goal.

FOURTH DIVISION

MOORABBIN CITY 1

Mornington clinched promotion to Division Three with a 4-1 win at Moorabbin in blustery conditions.

Both teams were evenly matched, but Mornington opened the scoring with a goal midway through the first half. Moorabbin had a golden opportunity to equalise from the penalty spot but the kick was saved by Mornington player-coach Nick van Egmond.

The second half saw the visitors go further ahead with two more goals, before Moorabbin pulled one back through Kevin Skelton.

Almost from the kick-off Mornington restored its lead and finished a worthy winner.

DISTRICT FIRST DIVISION

CENTRAL CITY 3

ABBOTSFORD 1

CENTRAL: P. Panteli, P. Altieri, G. George, K. Thosherous, E. Artodomon, D. Dimitriou, A. Evpiorou, E. Vidara (88th A. Miller), C. Avraam, A. Nicolaou, M. Iounoun (29th E. Gabrielle).

ABBOTSFORD: B. Saleh, M. Elahmad, A. Jazza, A. Mehrez, A. Wamnos, P. Papadinos, A. Elmo-hammed, A. Aamoud, Y. Elmo-hammed, J. Molloujic, M. Faour.

Central clinched promotion defeating contenders abbotstford.

Central, depleted with injuries, played coach Widara and an injured Iounoun.

Central scored first through Avraam in the second minute but Abbotstford took advantage of a defensive mix-up and replied in the 10th minute.

Abbotstford, aided by a strong wind, failed to penetrate Central's defence.

Altieri was switched to midfield and set up many chances. Nicolaou scored a magnificent headed goal in the 70th minute and DeGabriele sealed the game scoring on a breakaway in the 80th minute.

BEST: Central — Altieri, Evpiorou, George. Abbotstford — A. Almo-hammed, Y. Elmo-hammed, Mehrez.

STATE LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AJAX.....	12	2	3	35	9	26
CROATIA.....	9	6	2	29	13	24
CROYDON.....	8	6	3	32	19	22
DOVETON.....	4	11	2	20	19	19
Geo. Cross.....	8	2	7	25	18	18
Hakoah.....	5	7	5	21	27	17
Northcote.....	6	4	7	27	38	16
Frankston.....	6	3	8	24	25	15
Sunshine.....	6	3	8	26	28	15
Wilhelmina.....	5	3	9	25	33	13
Juventus.....	4	3	10	14	27	11
Altona.....	2	4	11	18	36	8

Paddy Bannon's goal kills Cross

GEORGE CROSS 0 CROATIA 1 (P. Bannon)

GEORGE CROSS: Gay 6 — Gamlin 7, Morgan 7, Matland 7, McInley 5 — McCann 4 (T. Kent 70th), G. Bannon 7, Rigby 7, Farmer 5 (Mitzi 72nd) — Papas 5, Toal 5.

CROATIA: Blasky 7 — Short 7, Kokoška 8, Ramjak 7, Blavaz 7 — Adams 7, P. Bannon 8, Murphy 6 — Keenan 6, Brogan 7, Batovic 7 (Troat 75th).

Paddy Bannon's first goal since joining Croatia earlier this season decided this contest.

Bannon had been pushed into midfield with Alan Kerr suspended and 17-year-old Danny Ramjak was brought in as sweeper.

Ken Murphy picked up the ball in the 10th minute from a headed clearance out of the George Cross area. Murphy curled the ball in behind the Cross defenders trying to play offside and Bannon was at the far post to control and slot it away.

Dave Rigby had a great chance to level in the first half when he broke clear on the



right side of the area but shot wide of the far post.

The standard of play deteriorated in the second 45 minutes on a terrible Chaplin Reserve surface.

But chances still fell to both sides. Brian Keenan broke through onto a fine Dave Brogan header but shot into the side netting.

And again Rigby could have levelled but was denied as he shot by a fine tackle from Steve Short.

Steve Kokoška was outstanding, winning everything in the area.

Croatia still entertains a slim chance of winning the title. It looks like the Olympic Park clash with Ajax in a few weeks time will decide their championship race.

Croatia official dies

Long-serving Essendon-Croatie official Milan Ovaric, 49, died suddenly on Thursday night.

Croatia manager Frank Burin said: "Milan was held in high esteem by everyone at the club and he will be sorely missed."

"He was an honest, diligent man who was dedicated to the club. The players observed a minute's silence at the Croatia v. George Cross game on Sunday in tribute to Mr. Ovaric."

Ian Loughnane — lethal finisher

DOVETON 1 (Corko)

CROYDON 4 (I. Loughnane 3, Hobson)

DOVETON: Ivanoff 5 — Thurlow 8, Merrick 7, Corko 8, McConville 6 (Quin 60th), Taylor 6, Bentley 6, Wilcock 6 — Irvine 7, McLaughlin 5 (Whitehurst 60th), Cherie 7.

CROYDON: Edwards 7 — Brown 8, Denzler 8, McCombe 8, Hobson 7 — Spink 7, Wade 8, Howarth 7 (Baker 60th) — P. Loughnane 8, I. Loughnane 8, Wessell 8.

Doveton must be scratching its head at the scoreline after it had a great percentage of this contest but couldn't cope with the lethal finishing of Ian Loughnane.

The Doves should have taken the lead in the third minute when Mike McVior broke through but he tried to dribble Mick Edwards and lost possession.

Then Lou Ivanoff let in a "soft" goal. Gary Hobson took a free kick near the half line and hammered the ball goalward. Paul Wade ran in hoping that Ivanoff would drop the ball but the Dovetonkeeper did better than Wade hoped for by letting the ball drop out of his hands and into goal.

Seven minutes later another Hobson free kick caught the Doveton defence coming out.



It looked like Wade was metres offside but the linesman held his flag down allowing Wade to chest the ball down, lay back to Ian Loughnane and the visitors to Waratah Reserve went 2-0 up.

Ten minutes before the interval Kim Wassell made a fine run down Croydon's left then hammered the ball low across goal to Ian Loughnane who side footed home at the near post.

Croydon wasn't playing well but was finishing with venom. The trend continued in the second half when the Doves left three men at the back and pushed forward.

A series of scrambles took place inside the Croydon area as a free kick near the half line and hammered the ball goalward. Paul Wade ran in hoping that Ivanoff would drop the ball but the Dovetonkeeper did better than Wade hoped for by letting the ball drop out of his hands and into goal.

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Loughnane clear

General Tourist sponsors our State League Top Scorer award. The winner receives a return trip for two to New Zealand. Leading scorers are:

18 — I. Loughnane (Croy)
14 — McLeod (OGA)
13 — Egan (FI)
10 — Mitten (C), Toal (GC)

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**Tuttil's our
player,
says Zahra**

Victorian State League club George Cross claims that Graham Tuttil, playing with rival club Frankston, is a George Cross player.

Cross alleges that it has a copy of a letter sent to Tuttil earlier this year when the club sponsored his migration from England.

"Not only do we have the Immigration document but we also have lodged a blue registration form and two pictures of Tuttil with the VSF," said club president Alf Zahra.

"We asked the federation to apply for a clearance for Tuttil, which it did successfully. We know because we have a yellow form from the federation saying that Tuttil has been cleared to us."

"We met Graham and his wife at Tullamarine airport and two days later he came to watch us train."

"We found him accommodation and a job in the western suburbs, then one of our committeemen heard that Graham was working afternoon shift elsewhere and was unable to attend training," Zahra added.

"Then we read in 'Soccer Action' that Graham had been cleared to District Third Division club Cranbourne. What we want to know is how Cranbourne could have won a clearance from Graham when he was cleared to us?"

Zahra's claim has far-reaching consequences for Frankston which brought Tuttil a week before the June 30 VSF transfer deadline for about \$1500 from Cranbourne.

Since then Frankston has picked up at least five points with Tuttil in the side, to move clear of the relegation zone.

The key to the outcome of George Cross's claim could be the club's inability to come up with contractual evidence of Tuttil's association with it.

Cross intended signing Tuttil on his arrival. Technically, when the VSF applies for a clearance from overseas for a player it does so as a service to the club involved but the player is cleared to play under the auspices of the federation involved, not necessarily the club which brings the player here.

That's why cloak and dagger tactics at airports have occurred in the past. The player is cleared to play under the auspices of the VSF. Any members club then can sign him.

It looks like Cross missed the boat and there's nothing the club can do about it.

And there are a few committeemen at Frankston who will be breathing a sigh of relief.

Funny thing, though, George Cross claims that it has been billed by the VSF for telexes required to get Tuttil's clearance. CRAIG MACKENZIE

Will Juventus pick up the gauntlet?

Are we witnessing the final demise of one of the greatest clubs in the history of Victorian soccer?

Juventus has won the State League championship twice, the Dockerty Cup five times and the State League Cup on three occasions yet last weekend's defeat by Ringwood leaves the once mighty black and whites perched in second bottom spot in the league table.

Relegation could be the final blow for Juventus. In recent times the club has been crippled by an increasing financial burden, committee upheavals, coaching changes and player unrest.

Earlier this year a board of directors was appointed to administer the sad situation.

What went wrong with the club which set the local soccer scene alight in 1970 by getting together one of the finest sides to play in this country?

Some say Juventus incurred large player payments by importing players of the quality of George Kinnell, Sandy Irvine, Jack Kelly, Gareth Salisbury, Bryan Thompson and Keith Webster. Others claim that too many wealthy people wanted to run the club by themselves, refusing to work with each other and wanting to be king pin.

Many players were sold to meet the club's debts. It's been an ongoing process since the early 70's.

While Juve has slipped another Italian backed club, Fawkner, has grown in strength to where it is poised to win the Second Division championship and mount a strong campaign next year for inclusion in the State League.

How the horns has turned. It's not too long ago that while Juventus fans were banging their drum, waving their flags and cheering on their heroes, tiny Fawkner struggled in the Provisional League.

Juventus faces the moment of truth over the next few weeks. The club faces up to Hakoah at John Cain Reserve on Sunday.

I don't know what the spirit among the Juventus players is like but right now the gauntlet has been thrown down to them. We'll see soon what sort of character they possess. I'm prepared to take a punt on them for Sunday's game and go for a draw.

Let's soar to the dizzy heights at the top of the table and look at the title race between Ajax and Croatia.

Ajax has to travel to Centenary Park on Sunday to compete for points with home side Frankston.

The Baysiders have picked up seven points from their last five games and have moved to a healthy spot away from the relegation zone.

Frankston's Director of Coaching John Pryde has made a dreadful blunder. He's invited the Melbourne branch of the Celtic supporters club to be the guests of Frankston at this match.

I don't think Pryde realised that Ajax's colors are green and white. I mean, how long do you think Celtic lads can support a side playing against their beloved colors?

Ajax could end up with its best support yet at Centenary Park!

And Bobby McLachlan boys should keep their fans happy by picking up both points.

Croatia should beat Ringwood at Olympic Park No. 2 on Sunday.

Expect Carl Gilder to be fit for this match and Joe Tront could regain a midfield berth after coming on as a substitute against George Cross on Sunday.

Noel Mitten still is plagued by ligament problems and will miss Sunday's clash but it's hard to see Ringwood stifling the skills of Dave Brogan.

Croydon entertains hopes of winning the title but its destiny is out of its own hands as it must keep winning while Ajax and Croatia slip up.

It seems safe to say that Croydon's top four dreams have been realised. One wonders what may have been for Bill McArthur's side had Ian and Peter Loughane not been suspended a few weeks ago and Croydon not slumped during their suspension.

Croydon won't find George Cross an easy opponent at Croydon Park on Sunday. The Cross is challenging Doveton for fourth spot in the league but on Sunday it comes up against a full strength Croydon line-up.

Alan Pongho and Duncan Smith should be fully recovered from back injuries, posing a few selection problems for McArthur.

Ian Loughane is dead in the area and obviously will be a marked man.

I think the home side will win but the Croydon midfield won't want to allow Dave Rigby to sneak into the dangerous positions he twice got into against Croatia on Sunday.

Sunshine turned in an inept display against Frankston on Saturday and the Siders will find Northcote's Yugoslav imports Milan Kojic and Slobodan Popovic a real handful.

Kojic will give Northcote's strike force added bite. Alongside Dragana Vasic and Sakis Sahinidis, the talented Yugoslav should help the Northerners to another victory.

Sunshine v NORTHCOTE at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Altona v DOVETON at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROYDON v George Cross at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

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Frankston v AJAX at Centenary Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

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Sunshine goalkeeper Alan Contini clears with a wild swipe as Bob Adams of Frankston goes up for a header.

Northerners look after 2 Yugoslavs

NORTHCOTE 2 (Moulas, Sahinidis) ALTONA 0

NORTHCOTE: Tachris 7, Nelson 7, Petrakos 7, Bozich 7, Petrou 7, Fakas 6 (inj. 70th), Moulas 7, Tassou 5 - Sahinidis 6, Kalitidis 7, Vasic 7.

ALTONA: Massani 6 - P. Wilson 7, Kilpatrick 7, Cooper 7, Thomson 7 - Jones 5, Mercer 7, Jones 6 - Walters 7, Wytia 6, Little 7.

Northcote's two Yugoslav imports, Milan Kojic and Slobodan Popovic, were spectators at this game but both will play on Sunday against Sunshine.

Footscray JUST intended bringing both players here. They played with Yugoslav Second Division club Jedinstvo Brcko alongside JUST's fine winger Zoravko Lujic.

But JUST ran into visa problems when it tried to bring the Yugoslavs here so Northcote will be their home for five games. Next year both players will join JUST.

Kojic, 27, is a striker and Popovic, 28, a central defender.

They will train twice a week with JUST and once with the Northerners.

Lujic has a high opinion of his former team mates and they should prove him right over the next five weeks. The two Yugoslavs will join a group of former JUST players at Northcote. Player-coach Jim Kria

Northcote weathered Altona's first half storm on Sunday then took the lead just on half time after a bad mix-up between Altona players-coach Billy Whyte and keeper Dennis Massani. Whyte passed back to Massani wide of goal but the muddy pitch slowed the ball down allowing Vasic to put Massani under pressure. Vasic won the ball and crossed for Danny Moulas to head into the unguarded goal.

Northcote finished off Altona with a 65th minute second goal from Sakis Sahinidis. Alex Nelson's corner sent the ball to the far post where Massani misjudged it and Sahinidis headed home.

A Altona had a large part of this game but just can't finish.

Willie misses out



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Willie Vassallo checked the luggage at Tullamarine airport as his team mates kept their championship aspirations soaring with a convincing 3-1 win against Hakoah in a drab game at Middle Park.

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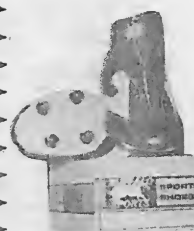
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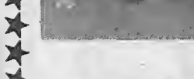
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Shiners stumble on 'potato field'

SUNSHINE CITY 1 (Nelson) FRANKTON CITY 2 (Buchanan, Adame)

SUNSHINE: Contini 5, Dixey 6, Taylor 6, Lowe 6, Ellis 6, Morovic 6 - Robertson 6, H. J. Nelson 6, Huxford 5, Peto 7, (Eusipio 75 th), Bain 6, Ling 6.

FRANKTON: Gilbert 8, Campbell 6, Stewart 6, Adams 8, Irvine 7, Holford 6, Tuzil 6, Leschall 6, Buchanan 7, Egan 7, Dallyman 6.

Sunshine stumbled a little closer to the relegation zone with a pathetic performance against a more determined

Frankston at Chaplin Reserve on Saturday.

The Shiners started off brightly enough, as though a win over lowly Frankston was a foregone conclusion and the goals would come as a matter of course, but although they busied themselves swarming round the Frankston penalty area for some time, they found the rapidly-maturing Dave Gilbert in superb form, well supported by cool Sandy Irvine and Bob Adams.

Sharp Charlie Egan burrowed his way into the box, and forced a corner, which

Shiners failed to clear, and Bill Buchanan, rising high, neatly flicked the ball over the flat-footed Alan Contini.

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Graham Tuttil cross.

Sunshine skipper Rob Nelson who roared himself hoarse trying to motivate his team and himself, without avail, did nick one past Gilbert with eight minutes left, but by then the stable door was closed and the Frankston horse had bolted.

Both sides deserve a medal for managing to run for 90 minutes on a pitch that resembled a potato field more than a soccer ground - LES SHORROCK.

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WORLD CUP PROGRESS

EUROPE		
GROUP 1		
Finland-Bulgaria	0-2	
Albania-Finland	2-0	
Finland-Austria	0-2	
Bulgaria-Albania	2-1	
Austria-Albania	5-0	
Bulgaria-Germany	1-3	
Albania-Austria	0-1	
Albania-Germany	0-2	
Germany-Austria	2-0	
Finland-Germany	4-0	
Austria-Bulgaria	0-0	
Austria-Finland	5-1	
23.91	Finland-Albania	2-0
23.91	Germany-Finland	2-0
14.10.81	Austria-Germany	1-1
14.10.81	Albania-Bulgaria	1-1
11.11.81	Bulgaria-Austria	1-1
18.11.81	Germany-Albania	2-0
21.12.81	Germany-Bulgaria	1-1
Austria	8 5 0 1 15 3	
W. Germany	4 4 0 0 11 1	
Bulgaria	5 3 0 2 9 6	
Albania	5 0 0 4 3 10	
Finland	6 0 0 8 11 9	
GROUP 2		
Cyprus-Eire	2-3	
Eire-Netherlands	2-1	
Cyprus-France	0-7	
Eire-Belgium	1-1	
France-Eire	0-0	
Belgium-Netherlands	1-0	
Eire-Cyprus	6-0	
Cyprus-Belgium	3-2	
Belgium-Cyprus	3-0	
Netherlands-Cyprus	3-0	
Netherlands-France	1-0	
Belgium-Eire	1-0	
France-Belgium	3-2	
Cyprus-Netherlands	0-1	
09.09.81	Netherlands-Eire	
09.09.81	Belgium-France	
14.10.81	Netherlands-Belgium	
14.10.81	Eire-France	
18.11.81	France-Netherlands	
05.12.81	France-Cyprus	
Belgium	6 4 1 10 8	
Eire	6 3 1 2 12 7	
France	4 3 0 1 23 6	
Netherlands	4 3 0 2 8 3	
Cyprus	7 0 0 7 12 5	
GROUP 3		
Iceland-Wales	0-4	
Iceland-USSR	1-2	
Turkey-Iceland	1-3	
USSR-Iceland	5-0	
Wales-Turkey	0-0	
Wales-Czechoslovakia	1-0	
Czechoslovakia-Turkey	2-0	
Turkey-Wales	1-0	
Turkey-Czechoslovakia	0-3	
Czechoslovakia-Iceland	6-1	
Wales-USSR	0-0	
02.09.81	Iceland-Turkey	
09.09.81	Czechoslovakia-Wales	
23.09.81	USSR-Turkey	
23.09.81	Iceland-Czechoslovakia	
07.10.81	Turkey-USSR	
14.10.81	Wales-Iceland	
28.10.81	USSR-Wales	
28.11.81	Czechoslovakia-USSR	
20.11.81	Czechoslovakia-USSR	
Wales	5 4 1 0 10 8	
Czechoslovakia	4 3 0 1 12 2	
USSR	3 2 1 0 7 1	
Iceland	4 1 0 3 4 12	
Turkey	5 0 0 5 11 3	
GROUP 4		
England-Norway	4-0	
Norway-Romania	1-1	
Romania-England	2-1	
Switzerland-Norway	1-2	
England-Switzerland	2-1	
Switzerland-Hungary	2-2	
England-Romania	0-0	
Hungary-Romania	1-2	
Norway-Hungary	2-1	
Switzerland-England	1-0	
Romania-Switzerland	1-0	
Hungary-England	1-1	
Norway-Switzerland	1-1	
09.09.81	Norway-England	
23.09.81	Romania-Hungary	
10.10.81	Romania-Switzerland	
14.10.81	Hungary-Switzerland	
31.10.81	Hungary-Norway	
11.11.81	Switzerland-Romania	
18.11.81	England-Hungary	
England	6 3 1 2 11 8	
Romania	5 2 1 1 4 3	
Hungary	4 2 1 1 6 6	
Switzerland	5 1 2 2 7 8	
Norway	6 1 2 3 5 10	
GROUP 5		
Luxembourg-Yugoslavia	0-5	
Yugoslavia-Denmark	2-1	
Luxembourg-Italy	0-2	
Denmark-Greece	0-1	
Italy-Denmark	2-0	
Italy-Yugoslavia	2-0	
Denmark-Luxembourg	4-0	
Greece-Italy	0-2	
Greece-Luxembourg	2-0	
Luxembourg-Greece	0-2	
Luxembourg-Denmark	1-2	
Yugoslavia-Greece	5-1	
Denmark-Italy	3-1	
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14.10.81	Greece-Denmark	
17.10.81	Yugoslavia-Italy	
14.11.81	Italy-Greece	
21.11.81	Yugoslavia-Luxembourg	
29.11.81	Greece-Yugoslavia	
12.12.81	Italy-Luxembourg	
Italy	5 4 0 1 9 3	
Yugoslavia	4 3 0 1 12 4	
Denmark	6 3 0 3 10 6	
Greece	5 3 0 2 6 6	
Luxembourg	6 0 0 6 11 7	

SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

Maradona wins poll, record for Robson?

Multi-talented, multi millionaire Diego Armando Maradona has won the Best Footballer of the Americas award for the second consecutive year.

Maradona won by 42 points from Brazilian wizard Zico.

The award was judged by "El Mundo". The points were: Maradona (Argentina) 89 points, Zico (Brazil) 37 points, Victorino (Uruguay) 22 points, Fillo (Argentina) 18 points, Ruben Paz (Uruguay) 18 points.

Passarella (Argentina) 16; Toninho Cerezo (Brazil) 15; Socrates (Brazil) 12; Rodolfo Rodriguez (Uruguay) 11; Cesar Romero (USA) 7; Ramon Diaz (Argentina) 4; Valdemar Sanz (Mexico) 4; Alzamendi (Uruguay) 3.

You won't hear Liverpool supremo Bob Paisley making foolish quotes or silly statements. For Paisley who has brought so many honours to Liverpool, and English soccer is realistic and has both feet firmly on the ground.

However he has his sights set for the new season and says he would like to win the European and F.A. Cups. And that's not outside the bounds of possibility as Liverpool have chalked up some top doubles in the past including the League Title and UEFA Cup, the League Title and European Cup and the League Cup and European Cup.

Ronnie Allen, recalled by West Bromwich Albion as manager in place of Ron Atkinson, now boss of Manchester United, was not only an outstanding striker in his playing days but since his retirement he has also been one of soccer's nomads.

Allen, now 50, has been in coaching or managerial posts with Bilbao (Spain) Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) Panathinaikos (Greece), Wolves, Walsall, a previous spell with WBA and manager of the Saudi Arabia national side. He made his debut as a player for WBA in 1950 and during that era was always good for at least 20 goals a season with his all-out attacking style.

In 1954 he scored two goals for WBA in their 3-2 F.A. Cup final win over a Preston North End side who on that day had Joe Marston and Tommy Docherty in their line-up.

I'm tipping now, before the new season starts, that should Bryan Robson, the 24-year-old England midfielder, succeed in breaking his five-year contract with WBA (he is in the middle of it) and getting a move to a top English side, his transfer fee will smash the British record of 1,400,000 pounds paid by Wolves to Aston Villa for Scottish international striker Andy Gray.

Bryan Robson is not only regarded as England's best all-rounder - he is recognised as the best in the country and he doesn't hide the fact he is envious, perhaps even jealous of the fact Joe Jordan is getting a \$400,000 a week plus a flat and car with his new club A.C. Milan.

So look out in season 1981/82 for the news to break that Robson, a Goedic, has switched clubs in his search for gold.

Barry Daines the Spurs keeper who was part of their F.A. Cup winning squad and mistakenly given a free transfer along with defender Don McAllister, has vowed he will never again play for the club he has served for 10 years.

BUENOS AIRES is the venue for the next World Supercup tournament, following the success of the pilot event in Milan.

International won the mini-league, the first round in a four-year tournament between all past winners of the World Club Cup...or, at least, as many as can be persuaded.

EUROPE'S FIRST ROUNDS

(To be played Sep 16 and 30)

CHAMPIONS' CUP

1st round: Saint-Etienne v Dynamo E. Berlin.

2nd round: Widzew Lodz v Anderlecht. Saint-Etienne/Dynamo E. Berlin v FC Zurich.

3rd round: Ferencvaros v Banik Ostrava. Celtic v Juventus.

4th round: Hibernians Malta v Red Star Belgrade. Oulun Palloseura v Liverpool (holders).

5th round: Oesters Vojko v Bayern Munich. Benfica v Omonia Nicosia.

6th round: K Austria v Partizan Tirane.

7th round: Dynamo Kiev v Trabzonspor. Start Kristiansund (Nor) v AZ.

8th round: Alkmaar v Aston Villa v Valur Reykjavik.

9th round: Progres Niedercorn v Glentoran (NI).

10th round: K B Copenhagen v Athlone (Rep Ire).

11th round: CSKA Sofia v Real Sociedad de San Sebastian.

12th round: Univ Craiova v Olympiakos Piraeus.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

1st round: Politehnica Timisoara v Lok Leipzig.

2nd round: Tottenham v Ajax Amsterdam.

3rd round: KTR Kotka (Fin) v Bastia Interclub Frankfurt v Paok Salika.

4th round: Dynamo Tbilisi (holders) v Grazer AK.

5th round: Barcelona v Trakia Plovdiv.

6th round: Swansea v Politehnica Timisoara/Lok Leipzig.

7th round: Valerenga Oslo v Legia Warsaw.

8th round: SKA Rostov v Ankaragucu.

9th round: Vasas Budapest v Parallimi Famagusta.

10th round: Ballymena v Roma.

11th round: Lausanne v Kalmar (Swe).

12th round: Jeunesse d'Esch v Velez Mostar.

13th round: Standard Liege v Floriana.

14th round: Fram Reykjavik v Dundalk (Rep Ire).

15th round: Dukla Praha v Rangers.

16th round: Vejle v Porto.

UEFA CUP

1st round: Bohemians Praha v Valencia.

2nd round: Nantes v KSD Lokeren.

3rd round: Limerick (Rep. Ire) v Southampton.

4th round: Sporting Lisbon v Red Boys Differdange.

5th round: PSV Eindhoven v Naestved (Den).

6th round: Atletico Madrid v Boavista.

7th round: Videoton v Rapid Vienna.

8th round: Neuchatel Xamax v Sparta Praha.

9th round: Dynamo Tirana v Carl Zeiss Jena.

10th round: Napoli v Radnicki Nis.

with 26 goals, he's quitting Rijeka for Brest. A third star following the same trial is Vahid Halilhodzic, joining Nantes after a two-goal match-winning display for Velez Mostar in the Yugoslav Cup Final.

GOLDEN BOOT (Final)

Slavkov (Trakia) 31, Nyilasi (Ferencvaros) 30, Rummenigge (Bayern) 29, Szarmach (Stal Mielec/Auxerre) 28, Burgsmuller (Bor. Dortmund) 27, Radovic (Rijeka) 26, Kiss (Vasas) 25, Vandenberg (Lierse) and Onnis (Tours) 24.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

STEFAN KOVACS is the man Panathinaikos want as new manager.

OLEG BLOKHIN created an all-time Soviet record with his 153rd league goal for Kiev.

ROBERTO RIVELINO is awarded the Brazil-Spain International as his Farewell Game.

THEO CUSTERS, Belgian International goalkeeper, is set for Espanol of Barcelona.

Ajax have replaced Valencia-bound FRANK ARNESEN with another Dane, 18-year-old JESPER OLSEN from Naestved.

HEINZ L UEDI is Switzerland's Footballer of the Year, with FC Zurich colleagues GIANPIETRO ZAPPA and RUEDI ELSENER second and third in the poll.

KURT JARA joins Grasshoppers.

RYSZARD KULEZA, ex-Poland boss, is new manager of Tunisia.

JOHAN CRUYFF signs again for the new Washington Diplomats, for 150,000 pounds for three months.

LADISLAW MAZURKIEWICZ is called to Uruguay's World Cup squad.

F.C. Cologne have given an emphatic "no" to Manchester United's \$1m bid for former Nottingham Forest and England striker Tony Woodcock.

Woodcock it seems still remains very much part of the Cologne set-up especially as he still has one year of his contract still to run.

Meanwhile, Italian scoring machine Giorgio Chinaglia scored his 300th goal for New York Cosmos against the Los Angeles Aztecs at Giants Stadium in New York on June 21.

The goal was the third goal for the Cosmos in 3-0 win, and the second of the afternoon for the Italian international who is now a United States citizen.

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Chinaglia's tally is made up of 116 in international exhibitions and 38 in NASL play-off games with the rest coming in regular season play.

Chinaglia's goals helped keep him atop the NASL scoring race and put his club well ahead in the Eastern Division with 15 wins as against four defeats for 31 points - the best record in the 21-team league.

Blokhin and Chinaglia set records

DYNAMO KIEV striker Oleg Blokhin has become the all-time top scorer in Soviet football. His goal in the 2-0 home win over Spartak was his 153rd in the Supreme League, beating the record set 25 years ago by the famous Alexander Ponomarev, who played for many years with Torpedo.

Blokhin's achievement is greater than Ponomarev's for two reasons: one, the latter's record was the sum total of his full playing career, while Blokhin is still only 28 and presumably has many more years ahead of him to score even more goals, and two, Blokhin plays in an age of massed defences. (Soviet Supreme League clubs are as defence-orientated as those of most other countries these days).

Blokhin has won every prize the game has to offer except the European Cup and the World Cup. With his club in the former this year and his country standing a good chance of qualifying for the finals of the latter, he has plenty of incentive to keep his appetite for goal-scoring.

Blokhin has also scored more goals for the Soviet national side than any other player. His 29 beats by three the tally of Torpedo's Valentin Ivnov and by four Ivanov's teammate, the legendary Eduard Streltsov.

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W. Hill	9 0 2 16 25 10 27
Wendy Valley	10 1 1 10 10 23

COMBINED 2	
Donnam's	9 0 1 1 13 15 18
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Keryboro	9 1 1 18 27 9
Wendy Valley	9 1 1 28 6 8
Milchen	9 1 1 15 15 27
Franklin Pines	10 1 2 7 13 15
Reedbank	11 1 2 10 13 15

UNDER 16 DIV 1	
Port Hill	11 1 18 10 18 18 28
Wendy Valley	11 1 18 10 18 18 28
Gransboro	12 7 2 32 17 17
Wendy	11 6 3 32 28 17 13
St. John's, Salem	11 6 3 32 28 17 13
Kale City	11 7 1 31 28 17 13
Swanton Hs	11 3 1 18 18 27
Princeton	11 2 1 26 18 26 8
Reedbank City	11 1 2 18 18 26 8

UNDER 16 N.W.	
Clifton Hill	10 18 0 0 42 12 28
St Albans	10 18 0 0 37 13 13
Nb Gwoking	10 5 1 42 12 18 11
Rossam	11 4 2 52 18 10 11
Wendy Valley	11 4 2 52 18 10 11
Moorland	10 1 41 52 12 23
Musfield	10 3 1 64 11 17
Barnack City	11 1 18 4 50 2

UNDER 16 N.E.	
Hastings	9 7 2 0 45 18
Wendy Valley	10 1 18 18 18
Dulley	10 1 18 18 18
Hastings Rgr	10 7 9 31 22 14
Wendy Valley	10 7 9 31 22 14
Yarlington	10 7 1 23 22 5
Epping	9 2 1 11 27 5

UNDER 16 S.W.	
Clatside	12 0 1 1 14 14 20
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Tn Hill	10 7 1 23 12 18
Wendy Valley	10 7 1 23 12 18
Moorfield	12 0 0 1 31 21 12

Malgrave	11	5	2	4	21	12
Caulfield	12	3	1	8	15	41
Baxter	12	1	0	10	10	52
Crembourne	11	1	0	10	8	60
UNDER 18 COMB 2						
Waverley B	11	9	2	0	42	10
5th Yarra	10	8	2	0	42	19
Mitcham	11	5	1	5	27	18
Ringswood Utd	9	4	1	4	24	23
East Beetham	9	3	2	4	19	18
Hampton Park	10	3	1	8	22	36
Parfumeau Utd	9	4	1	4	24	23

Keydors	10	0	1	9	44	1
UNDER 18 COMB 3						
Hawthorn	10	9	1	0	62	19
Salisbury	9	7	1	1	35	16
Stn Oakleigh	8	3	2	3	21	18
Kew P.R.	8	2	3	2	29	27
Maccnisi	7	3	0	4	22	05
Brighton	9	2	0	7	20	48
Knox City	9	0	2	0	12	44
UNDER 14 SLC						
Exemption	14	12	2	0	53	28
Jeonatus	13	10	3	1	33	11

Dowston	12	6	4	2	23	9	17
Sunshine City	13	6	1	8	28	21	13
Fastlane City	12	4	4	4	17	18	12
George Cross	12	4	4	4	20	21	12
Greydon	14	6	3	5	24	27	12
Northcote City	12	4	1	7	12	25	8
Altamira City	13	3	0	10	17	48	8
Green Gully	13	0	1	12	11	39	1

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Daveton	12	10	1	1	57	8	21		
Sunshine City	11	9	1	1	37	20	18		
Jonestown	13	8	4	3	24	19	18		
Craydon	14	8	3	5	25	28	18		
Altona City	14	5	8	8	34	21	13		
Essendon	13	7	1	8	35	29	13		
Northcote City	11	4	0	7	18	25	8		

Craydon	14	8	3	5	25	28	18
Altona City	14	5	3	8	34	21	13
Essendon	13	7	1	8	25	29	13
Northcote City	11	4	0	7	18	25	8
George Cross	11	2	4	5	20	35	8
Hakma	12	4	0	8	17	33	8
Fairer City	12	1	2	9	8	47	3

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CROATIA ON TOP, PSL NEXT?

Croatia's Brazilian goal ace, Marcos Silva, was carried off the field a hero after scoring all three goals as Croatia turned the tables on New South Wales State League rival St George.

Both clubs will apply for PSL membership in 1982 and Croatia now is the front runner.

Croatia deserved to win before an appreciative crowd of 9750 at King Tomislav Park, the highest crowd of the season in State League soccer.

With three games to go Croatia now holds a one point lead over St George and is a narrow favourite for the NSW title.

In other matches Melita and Polonia drew 1-1, fourth placed Sutherland drew 0-0 with Auburn, Riverwood beat Monaro 2-1, Avala

defeated North Sydney 4-0, Manly won 3-0 against Parramatta, and bottom placed Bankstown defeated Monaro 2-0, while on Saturday Manly and Polonia drew 0-0 in a deferred game.

Croatia had by far the better of the first half as St George found it tough to get going and never got near the Croatian goal.

It came as no surprise to see Marcos Silva put Croatia ahead after 35 minutes when he finished off good work down the right wing by Peter Hensman.

Just six minutes later Silva was in again when he hammered home after Nello Borges had worked the ball through the defence from the left.

After half time St George came out much more determined, but was spoiled by the tough Croatian defence.

Steve Watson, in goal for Croatia, was called on to make a number of good

Third placed Melita could only manage a point against a determined Polonia side in a 1-1 draw highlighted by missed chances.

Both goals were scored in the second half, Melita's from the penalty spot scored by Mike Berry, and Polonia equalising through forward Anito Budini.

Polonia now is edging towards Sutherland's fourth spot, with Auburn snatching a point off Sutherland in a 0-0 draw.

Manly and Riverwood continue to move up the table, Manly defeating Parramatta 3-0 away from home and Riverwood beating Canterbury 2-1.

At the foot of the table Avala scored a convincing 4-0 victory over an injury depleted North Sydney, while Bankstown scored a surprise 2-1 win over Monaro, which is placed sixth in the table.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

MANLY 0 POLONIA 0 at Cromer Park. Crowd: 246.

CROATIA 3 (M. Silva 3) ST GEORGE 0. RIVERWOOD 2 (Landon, McRorie) CANTERBURY 1 (Barton). MELITA 1 (Berry) POLONIA 1 (A. Budini). SUTHERLAND 0 AUBURN 0. AVALA 4 (Ruiz 2, Pearson, Samuels) NORTH SYDNEY 0. BANKSTOWN 2 (Nocera, Beater) MONARO 1 (Charles).

MANLY 3 (Regan 2, Jack) PARRAMATTA 0.

SECOND GRADE: Croatia 1 b St George 0, Riverwood 2 draw with Canterbury 2, Melita 3 b Polonia 0, Sutherland 1 draw with Auburn 1, Avala 2 b North Sydney 1, Parramatta 0 draw with Manly 0, Bankstown 1 draw with Monaro 1.

THIRD GRADE: St. George 4b Croatia 1, Riverwood 1 draw with Canterbury 1, Polonia 1 b Melita 0, Sutherland 2 draw with Auburn 2, North Sydney 4 b Avala 3, Manly 3 b Parramatta 1.

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Croatia.....	20	3	0	69	16	43
St. George.....	20	2	1	82	11	42
Melita.....	15	5	3	50	17	35
Sutherland.....	11	6	6	30	19	28
Polonia.....	10	6	7	30	32	26
Monaro.....	8	6	9	34	43	22
Manly.....	7	5	11	29	30	19
Riverwood.....	8	3	11	27	40	19
Canterbury.....	6	6	11	32	47	18
North Sydney.....	5	5	13	26	48	15
Avala.....	5	4	13	26	50	14
Auburn.....	6	2	14	18	42	14
Parramatta.....	5	3	15	20	54	13
Blacktown.....	4	2	16	25	49	10

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ΚΤΗΜΑΤΙ ΤΟΝ ΤΙΤΑΟ ΤΟ ΜΑΛΕΡΝ

Νέα νίκη πέτυχε το Μάλερν Στου γιά το πρωτάθλημα του Μετρωπόλιταν Λίγκ και να πάρει τους δύο βαθμούς από τον διακοπέντα άγωνα με το Μπέρνολν, τότε θα περάσει στην 1η θέση. Στόν άγωνα της Κυριακής με το Σάουθ Ντάντεντον και στο 4' μέρος με κόντρα τον άερα ή ελληνική μας ομάδα πέτυχε να προηγηθεί με δύο γκολ το Λίχοντ στο 20 και 42' αλλά στην επανάλυση μοιράστηκε την ήττα. Στο διάστημα αυτό χάθηκαν καλές ευκαιρίες γιά να γίνει μεγαλύτερο το πλεό. Στο 2' Ντάντεντον με γκολ στο 80' το 80' ήταν και το τελικό αποτέλεσμα. Από την ομάδα του Μάλερν ξεχώρισαν οι Λίχοντς, Ρόμπος και Μακέν. Η σύνθεση: Μακέν, Πάπαγιάννου, Β. Παλιμάρας, Πάπαγιάννου, Λαζαρόπου, Ν. Παλιμάρας, Ρόμπος, Διακρίτης (Ρόμπος), Σακιάγκας, Ξεφω γιάβρης, Λίχοντς - Ζαχαρίας. Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε 2-0 και οι Ιππότες διέφυγαν από ξαντανίκη με 6-2. Βρίσκει οι Ιππότες νίκησαν το Μάλερν με 3-2.

ΣΕ ΖΩΝΗ ΣΟΡΙΑΣ ΜΗΚΗΣ Η ΕΛΛΑΣ Β'

Με 3-1 έχασε στο γήπεδο της 4' Έλλάς Β' από το Ντόντερστον που συνεχίζει την 2η θέση στο πρωτάθλημα του Μετρωπόλιταν Λίγκ της Β' κατηγορίας. Η γηπεδούχος Ισοφόρισε με τον Τζών Μπράντλεϊ 1-1 αλλά στην συνέχεια δέχθηκε τέρματα γιά να χάσει στο τελευταίο 10 λεπτό καλές ευκαιρίες. Μετά και την ήττα της αούτ ή 'Έλλάς Β' το Μπλά Κάρουα μπήκε στην επικείμενη ζώνη του υποβιβασμού που θα είναι βαθμιαία αν σωθεί.

ΤΟ ΚΑΛΗ ΚΟΝΤΑ ΣΤΟΝ ΤΙΤΑΟ

Η κυανόλευκη ελληνική μας ομάδα του ΚΑΠΕ πέτυχε μία ακόμη νίκη στο γήπεδο του επί το 1-0 και 2-0 και βελτιώνεται μόνον ένα βαθμό πίσω από το Ρομαστέον και Μορουνιμπάρκ. Στόν άγωνα του Σαββάτου δ δυνατός άερας, δ ένθερμος τόν παίκτην του 'Αν-Λη και τα καταστροφικά παιχνίδια των επιτιμών, έμεινε στην μέση τα νίχτηρια να κάνει ένα μεγάλο σκόρ. Ξάθηκαν πολλές ευκαιρίες από τους γηπεδούχους και το μοναδικό τόν τέρμα το πέτυχαν στο 50' με κεφάλι του Σαίμπον μετά κόντρα το Ιουκόντο. Από την νικητρία δεν στερήθηκε κανένας και έπαιζε με τους: Κασίμ, Λουκί, Πελί, Βαλίδη, Στοιάννου, Σαίμπο, Κονορσώτα, Παπασιό, Ντατάλια, Β. Καμπυλάκη (46' Στοιαν νίχης), Σαμπυλάκης, (80' Μακένιότο) και Σερτίου.

Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε με 6-1 και με γκολ των Σζοβρά, Σακιάκης, Σ. Μάρου και Κρίστιαλδη.

Αν το 'Ωλη κερδίσει και τα δύο έπίμα να παίξει να το 2ο άπομένον, θα πάρεται και το εισιτήριο γιά το Μετρωπόλιταν Λίγκ.

Όλοι οι φιλάθλοι του θα πρέπει το Σάββατο να βρεθούν κοντά στην ομάδα τους και να την βοηθήσουν να πάρει τους δύο βαθμούς της νίκης από την Κάλφληνη.

ΕΝΩΣΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Στο γήπεδο της 4' Ένωση Ποντίων υποδέχεται την ομάδα της Πάφου. Το παιχνίδι που αναμένεται να γίνει νίκη με μεγάλο σκόρ ενώ παράλληλα δ προπονητής Β. Λέρης να έτοιμάσει την ενδεκάδα του γιά τα έπίμα δύο δρομολία παιχνίδια.

Η Ένωση Ποντίων παραιτείται άρτητη και πρωτοπόρος στόν βαθμολογικό πίνακα του 'Ιντερπριαλ Λίγκ το 6' μίλιον Τονέστ με 16 βαθμούς έναντι 13 της 'Αλτίνας και 12 της ΗΑΑΡ και του 'Ρήνκ.

Παρακολούτησε όλοι οι παίκτες να είναι παρόντες στην προπόνηση της Παρασκευής Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ: ΜΑΧΗ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΤΡΙΤΗΡΑΔΑ.

Βρίσκει έόρας ή Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ νίκησε το Τονέρεπ με 2-0 και έπίμα στην 5η θέση του βαθμολογικού πίνακα της 1' κατηγορίας του Μετρωπόλιταν Λίγκ.

Η ομάδα του Πόρτ Μέλμπορν ήταν καλύτερη σε όλη την διάρκεια του αγώνος ά κόντρα με έναν σ' 3' μέρος ο Αντίπαλος έχαν τον άερα με το 3' μέρος τους.

Τα γκολ γιά την Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ που έξαφίλλισε γρήγορα την νίκη της ήλθαν στο 3' με δυατό σούτ του Σαμπρίλ έξω από την περιοχή και στο 7' με σούτ Πέτρο.

Από την ομάδα του Πόρτ Μέλμπορν ξεχώρισαν οι Καραμπίτης, Κωστόπουλος, Δούκας και Γκένσιος.

Η σύνθεση: Καραμπίτης, Σακιάκης, Παγιάνης, Δούκας, Ζακιάκης, Κωστόπουλος, Λόρ, Πέτρο, Καραμπίτης, Σαμπρίλ και Καραμπίτης.

Με λίγη προσοχή στα έπίμα παιχνίδια ή ομάδα του Πόρτ Μέλμπορν μπορεί να πάρει την 4η θέση που δεν αποκλείεται να είναι και προνομιούχος.

ΕΚΔΡΟΜΗ ΣΤΗΝ ΑΔΕΛΑΪΔΑ

Ο Σύνδεσμος Φίλων της 'Έλλάς διοργανώνει στην Αδελαΐδα έκδρομο έπί κόντρα με την Νουβέντον που θα γίνει στις 16 τρέχοντος μηνός. Το εισιτήριο με έπιστροφή και με το λυτελά πούλμαν έχει μόνον 30 δολάρια και γιά περισσότερες πληροφορίες οι έν διαπεριέμενοι να αποταθούν στην λέσχη της 'Έλλάς.

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Victorian Cups

The quarter-finals of the 1981 Victorian Dockerty Cup competition will be played on Sunday September 13. The draw and venues are listed below. First game will kick off at 1 pm.

AT GREEN GULLY RESERVE

St Albans Road, St Albans
1st game: Sunshine City v Essendon Croatia
2nd game: Green Gully v Frankston City

AT JUBILEE PARK

Reilly Street, Ringwood
1st game: Altona City v Ringwood City
2nd game: Western Suburbs v Clayton City
The semi-finals of the Dockerty Cup will be played on Sunday September 20 at Olympic Park, No. 1 Oval. The draw for the semi-finals will be made on Monday September 14.

The quarter-finals of the Harry Armstrong Reserves Cup will be played on Saturday September 12. The draw is listed below. Kick-off time is 2.45 pm.

Western Suburbs v Kew Park Rangers
Albion Rovers v St. Kilda Hawks
Frankston Pines v Heidelberg United
Port Melbourne v Frankston City

The semi-finals of the Harry Armstrong Cup will be played on Saturday September 19 at Middle Park Soccer Stadium. The draw will be made on Monday September 14.

Listed below are all postponed league championship fixtures. Dates are allocated when the games shall be played. Where a 0-0 draw is shown, the game shall not be played and a 0-0 draw recorded. If further games are postponed, clubs will be advised accordingly.

DIVISION ONE
Western Suburbs v Slavia (reserves) 0-0 draw
Richmond v Keilor (reserves) 0-0 draw

Polonia v Morwell Falcons (reserves) August 22

DIVISION TWO
Dandenong City v Footscray (first team) August 22

Footscray v Melbourne (reserves) 0-0 draw

Preston v Waverley City (reserves) 0-0 draw

Ardeer v Footscray (reserves) 0-0 draw

Ardeer v Melbourne (reserves) 0-0 draw

Footscray v Heidelberg Utd. (reserves) 22nd August (if reqd.)

Dandenong City v Footscray (reserves) 0-0 draw

Springvale City v Melbourne (reserves) 0-0 draw

Preston v Heidelberg Utd. (reserves) 29th August (if reqd.)

Next year the State U/15 squad will be going to New Zealand to play games against top New Zealand teams.

DIVISION THREE

Broadmeadows City v Coburg (reserves) 0-0 draw
Corio v Prahran City (reserves) 0-0 draw
Port Melbourne v Yallourn (reserves) 0-0 draw

Corio v Werribee (reserves) 0-0 draw
Yallourn v Eltham (reserves) 0-0 draw

DIVISION FOUR

Royal Park v North Dandenong (first team) 22nd August

Moorabbin City v Fernree Gully (reserves) 0-0 draw

Royal Park v North Dandenong (reserves) 0-0 draw

North Dandenong v Sandringham City (reserves) 0-0 draw

Below is listed the First Round of the Metropolitan League Cup to be played on Saturday August 29.

Melbourne v Heidelberg United, Preston v Kew Park Rangers, Prahran v Morwell Falcons, Frankston Pines v Brighton, Bell Park v Box Hill, Keilor v Fawkner, Eltham v North Dandenong, Altona Gate

v Chelsea, Western Suburbs v Footscray, Fernree Gully v Ardeer, Monash University v St. Albans, Mornington v Broadmeadows City, Maribyrnong v Heidelberg, Nunawading City v Royal Park, Knox City v Richmond, Werribee v Albion Rovers.

The Second Round of the Metropolitan League Cup will be played on Saturday September 5 and the draw is as follows:

1. Altona Gate/Chelsea v Melbourne/Heidelberg United

2. Eltham/North Dandenong v Maribyrnong/Heidelberg

3. Western Suburbs v Footscray v Keilor/Fawkner

4. Knox City/Richmond v Fernree Gully/Ardeer

5. Monash University/St. Albans v Nunawading City/Royal Park

6. Bell Park/Box Hill v Preston/Kew Park Rangers

7. Mornington v Broadmeadows City v Frankston Pines/Brighton

8. Prahran/Morwell Falcons v Werribee/Albion Rovers.

Junior of the week



JOHN GROZDANOV (pictured) is the 'Soccer Action' - Buffalo Sports Junior of the Week.

John joined Thornbury United in 1979 and played in the under 12 team that won the league in its first season.

John is a young striker who scores goals regularly having scored over 50 in the past two and a half seasons. John has plenty of pace and skill and a hard shot.

John is 13 and a year eight student at Thornbury High School.

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Kids off to NZ and US

By Fred Brooks

It looks as if travel across the Tasman for junior soccer teams is on the increase.

A representative team from the Auckland area will be here towards the end of August to play games in Ballarat and also to play the State U/13 squad.

Next year the State U/15 squad will be going to New Zealand to play games against top New Zealand teams.

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